Top Ten Parental Rights in Special Education

- **10.** Parents have the right to request that their child be assessed for Special Education without delay.
- **9.** Parents have the right to list all of their concerns in the IEP.
- **8.** Parents have a right to request a new IEP meeting be held within 30 days of a written request when an IEP is already in place.
- **7.** Parents have the right to participate in the IEP meeting and have their opinions heard and noted.
- **6.** Parents have the right to bring any person to an IEP meeting with knowledge of the child or the child's disability including advocates and attorneys.
- **5.** Parents have the right to review and receive copies of their child's educational records.
- **4.** Parents have the right to consent, refuse to consent or revoke consent for special education for their child.
- **3.** Parents have the right to receive <u>Prior Written Notice</u> when a school district proposes a change in a child's placement or refuses a parent's request.
- **2.** Parents have the right to ask for an <u>Independent Educational Evaluation</u> at public expense when they disagree with the school district's assessments.
- **1.** Parents have the right to file complaints, including state complaints and due process complaints, and disagree with parts or all of the IEP.

By Dennise Goldberg