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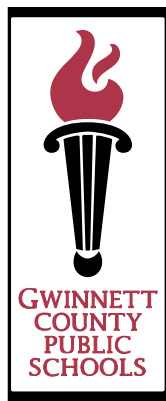
## **Parent Mentors invite bilingual families to special education session**

On Tuesday, April 17, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) will host an informational session for parents of students who receive special education services in Gwinnett County. As part of the “Gwinnett County Parent Mentors Present” series, **Waleska Ackerman**, a bilingual speech-language pathologist with GCPS, will present “Raising a Bilingual Child with Special Needs.”

This monthly learning series is designed for families of children with disabilities, and presented by the district’s [Parent Mentors](#)-- **Dawn Albanese** and **Jackie McNair**-- in collaboration with GCPS’ [Special Education Department](#) staff and community leaders and organizations. The sessions will be held from **9:30 to 11 a.m.** in the **Central Gwinnett Room (2.111) in Building 200** at the **J. Alvin Wilbanks Instructional Support Center (ISC)**, located at **437 Old Peachtree Road, NW, in Suwanee.**

Parent Mentors are parents who work within GCPS’ special education department, providing information and support to other families who have children served in special education. The mentors have first-hand knowledge of raising a child with special needs as they both have a child who has been served or is being served in GCPS.

To RSVP for the meeting, contact Ms. Albanese by phone at **(678) 301-7212** or by email at [dawn\\_albanese@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:dawn_albanese@gwinnett.k12.ga.us) by **April 16**. For more information regarding the Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership, go to [www.parentmentors.org](http://www.parentmentors.org). Families unable to attend the session may contact the Parent Mentor office for additional information.



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