

# Grand Island Central School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We would like to introduce a new opportunity that is available to our school district entitled, Together Including Every Student (TIES). The purpose of the TIES program is to provide more opportunities for students with disabilities from third grade through the age of 21 to participate in a wide range of community/extracurricular activities. This would be accomplished by pairing students with disabilities with a middle or high school student who has participated in a training program.

Providing more naturalized support to students encourages participation, independence, socialization, and accomplishments. The chosen activities would be based on the student's interest and choice. Activities that students have previously participated in are: Boy/Girl Scouts, School of Religion, Sports, School-related Activities, Community/Recreational Programs, etc.

This will be the only notification that you will receive about this program; you must initiate the contact with the coordinator and complete the application in order to participate. I am personally sending you this letter and the materials to ensure that you are made aware of the opportunity in a manner which also protects your family's right to confidentiality.

If I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish you and your child a very successful school year.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl M. Cardone*  
Director, Pupil Personnel Services