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Dear Multiples of America member,

As parents of multiples, we are aware of the unique challenge that twins, triplets and more bring to a school system. We may have pondered over decisions relating to school placement of multiples. We may have heard stories from another parent of multiples who was told of the recommendation to retain one of their twins, but then struggled to get the school principal to listen to their observations concerning the possible effects of that separation on both multiples. We may know of a mother whose children had a teacher who never bothered to call them anything except “the twins.”

These stories point to one important fact. When it comes to the topic of multiples, many parents need support and many educators need educating. That’s the purpose of this Education of Multiples toolkit, It’s meant to help. It’s meant to offer ideas and information specific to multiples and schooling. It’s meant to provide resources that can help in opening dialogue between parents and educators. It’s meant to focus everyone on what’s best for our kids.

Contents of this toolkit:

- *Toolkit specs cover letter*
- **Placement of Multiple Birth Children in School** - This booklet is a guide for parents and educators who are looking for information and research to help answer questions about what is best for multiple birth children in their journey through the school years. Topics include: school readiness, retention, special needs, school placement and more. *The booklet is available as both a pdf and an online, interactive format.*
- **Multiples in the classroom - On the Road to Learning** - This booklet is a compilation of articles about educating multiples, previously published in Multiples of America’s newsmagazine. Topics include: executive function, tips for parenting a ADHD child, kindergarten readiness, and school placement with higher order multiples. *The booklet is available as both a pdf and an online, interactive format.*
- **School Placement of Multiple Birth Children** - These “Guidelines for the Education of Multiple Birth Children” address seven areas that both educators and parents should consider in order to ensure the best possible education settings for multiple birth children. *The guidelines are available in pdf for review or download as a brochure and in a formal position paper format.*
- **Together or Apart** - A quick review of 10 Reasons to Separate Multiples in School and 10 Reasons to NOT Separate Multiples in School. *Available in pdf format for viewing or download.*
- **Club Tips for Handling School Issues** - This tips sheet shares tips concerning school readiness, school placement, school problems, and retention. *Available in pdf format for viewing or download.*
- **Club Tips for Supporting Special Needs Parents** - This tips sheet offers ideas to assist clubs in providing support for special needs parents and foster a genuine atmosphere of hospitality, encouragement and assistance. *Available in pdf format for viewing or download.*

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CONNECTING + SUPPORTING MULTIPLE BIRTH FAMILIES

(Also known as the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs)