

## School Visits

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Personnel met \_\_\_\_\_

### **Things to think about when touring:**

Was I greeted warmly?

Did I see other parents volunteering/involved in the school day?

Did the environment seem flexible?

-kids walking in “loose lines”

-kids working throughout the room, floors, corners

### **Principal**

-were they available and visible?

-did they know children by name?

-were they helpful and approachable in answering questions?

-what were their views on the role of special education within the school community? Ways in which the school builds an inclusive community?

-are they willing to accept a letter or have a meeting to discuss the appropriate academic environment for your child needs?

-“I have an extremely anxious (fill in adjectives) child”, in what ways is the school prepared to facilitate their transition?

### ***When I left a school visit***

-how did I feel having toured the school?

-were the rooms welcoming, but not overwhelming?

-were the hallways decorated with “free spirited” child art?

-did teachers smile, acknowledge my presence?

-did children look happy and engaged?

-are the logistics workable for our family without adding too much stress?

*-what does my gut tell me?*