

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Department of Pupil Personnel Services
“Minimizing Obstacles, Maximizing Opportunities...
For Every Student!”

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Monthly Report – October 2007

Overview of Activities

- **The Massachusetts Department of Education authorized Uxbridge Public Schools to participate in FREE professional development opportunities as they become available throughout the 2007-2008 academic year - as a means of improving programs and services for students with disabilities.**
- **On September 10th, 2007, Early Learning Center faculty/staff participated in Response to Intervention (RTI) training as a means of improving their knowledge and skills in the areas of the pre-referral processes.**
- **In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, on September 14th, 2007, new faculty/staff participated in physical restraint training.**
- **The Department of Pupil Personnel Services portion of the district website is up-to-date and current.**
- **The Department of Pupil Personnel Services, in accordance with IDEA 2004 and Massachusetts General Law, has completed a mass mailing of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards to all families with students currently serviced on an Individual Education Program (IEP).**

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of September, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services met with Uxbridge Public School service providers in the areas of special education, English language education, 504 compliance, and guidance/wellness.

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services in cooperation with the Uxbridge Public School Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) put together a mass mailing of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards along with information pertaining to the PAC - in accordance with the Reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and Massachusetts General Law.

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services has updated its webpage on the Uxbridge Public Schools site. To see the updated edition of the Pupil Personnel Services portion of the website, go to: http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/pupilservices_default.shtml

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services attended out-of-district IEP meetings in the following communities: Franklin, Worcester (twice), Harvard, and Lancaster, Massachusetts.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to examine the special education budget on a monthly basis - in cooperation with the School Business Manager, and Superintendent of Schools.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to be an active member of the Administrative Team meeting process twice per month.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to participate on Schools Partnering with Families Initiative and the Uxbridge Public School Technology Team.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to work in partnership with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Education in the area of grant writing as a means of improving programs and services for students with disabilities.

Professional Development Activities

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The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to offer department support in the areas of relicensure guidance/technical support – so that Uxbridge Public Schools special education faculty/staff remain current in the ever-changing laws of the Commonwealth. This technical support and guidance is offered throughout the academic year in partnership with the Department of Education and Framingham State College.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to participate in the Blackstone Valley Educational Collaborative Regional monthly meeting – as a means of remaining current with local, state and federal legal mandates.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services is participating in a full year federally funded Department of Education Special Education Leadership Academy for New Administrators.

PAC Reports

On September 18th, 2007, the Uxbridge Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council held its first meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year at 6:30p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School. New PAC Officers were elected, and a full calendar of events was planned for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The website for the Parent Advisory Council has been updated and contains numerous items of interest, and support materials for families of children with disabilities. To access this website, go to: http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/pupilservices_pac.shtml

The Uxbridge Public Schools Parent Advisory Council continues to expand its “Lending Library” for Parents/Families with exceptional children. Anyone interested in adding/borrowing an item from the lending library can come to the Central Office location, Suite 207, of Town Hall.

The next meeting of the Uxbridge Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, 2007 at 7p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

General Department Information

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of September: New Staff Training Notices, IEP Verification, Entry Interview: Principals & Key Constituents, Walkthrough of Buildings, Advertise and Outreach to Community, and prepare for the October 1st SIMS submission to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

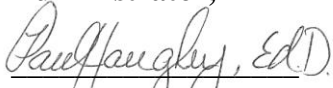
A newsletter for the month of September is in production and will soon be posted to the Uxbridge Public Schools website under the Pupil Services link.

Upcoming Events

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is in the final phases of collecting all data for the October 1st, SIMS submission to the Department of Education.

On Friday, November 30th, 2007, from 6p.m. – 9p.m., the Uxbridge Public School Special Education Parent Advisory Council plans to hold a vendor fair fundraiser at the Taft Elementary School. For more information, please contact Dr. Haughey in the Department of Pupil Personnel Services at 508.278.8654.

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