

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Monthly Report – December 2007

Overview of Activities

- The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of December: Update all staffing caseloads, Prepare budget, Examine in detail program reviews of our Early Learning Center and Transition Services, Contact early intervention on students/Outreach to other state agencies, Professional Development/Implementation, Meet with Key Constituents regarding implementation of school improvement and system wide goals, Walkthrough of Buildings, and Advertise and promote outreach to the community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts.
- The Director of Pupil Personnel Services in concert with the administrative team is working on the Corrective Action Plan in an effort to address the areas identified as “partially implemented” in the 2007 FINAL Report of the Coordinated Program Review.
- A newsletter for the month of December 2007 has been posted to the Uxbridge Public Schools website under the Pupil Services link.

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of December, 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. Additionally, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services met with representative of MSB-Services, Inc. and CaseE, Inc, its IEP software provider, in an effort to effectively improve the software platform for the Uxbridge Public Schools administration, faculty, staff and service providers.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services attended out-of-district IEP meetings in the following communities: Lancaster, Milford, Medway, and Worcester, 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 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.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services in concert with the administrative team is working on the Corrective Action Plan in an effort to address the areas identified as “partially implemented” in the 2007 FINAL Report of the Coordinated Program Review. The 2007 FINAL Report of the Coordinated Program Review is posted to the Uxbridge Public Schools website and can be viewed at http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/pdf_info/pupilservices_cpr.pdf

On December 14th, 2007, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services was the mystery reader for Mrs. Davis’ 2nd grade class. Dr. Haughey read *Ducktales* to the class. One week later, the class invited Dr. Haughey back to Taft Elementary School to watch the movie, *The Polar Express*.

On December 20th, 2007, a team of educational leaders from the Uxbridge Public Schools including Mr. George Zini, Principal of Uxbridge High School, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Curriculum and Instruction Leader for Guidance Services, Mrs. Cynthia Carrier, UHS Special Education TEAM Chairperson, and Dr. Paul S. Haughey, Director of Pupil Personnel Services visited JobCorp in Grafton, Massachusetts to obtain information about the United States Department of Labor’s program.

Professional Development Activities

On December 11th, 2007, the Uxbridge Public Schools’ Department of Pupil Personnel Services hosted a workshop on “School Bus Safety & Students with Disabilities” for Vendetti Transportation Company bus drivers at the Taft Elementary School. Mrs. Julie Vendetti-Lombardo, one of the Executive officers of Vendetti Transportation extended in an email heartfelt thanks to Dr. Paul S. Haughey, Mrs. Paula Montesi, Ms. Lori Fafard, Ms. Carla Mason and Mrs. Kim Desjardins for providing a clear, concise and fact filled professional development for the drivers.

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

The USEPAC held a Holiday Shopping Fair at the Taft Elementary School on Friday, November 30th, 2007 at 7p.m. The event raised more than \$700.00 for the scholarship fund.

On December 11th, 2007, the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) held its third meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year at 6:30p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

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 Special Education Parent Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2007 at 7p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

General Department Information

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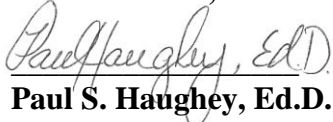
A newsletter for the month of December 2007 has been posted to the Uxbridge Public Schools website under the Pupil Services link. A January newsletter is in production at this time of this report.

During the week of December 3rd – 7th, 2007, the Uxbridge Public Schools participated in the 7th Annual “National Inclusive Schools Week”. This year all administration, faculty and staff were encouraged to promote Inclusive practices in their daily lives in observance of the international theme proposed this year by the sponsoring agency, the Education Development Center, Inc.

Upcoming Events

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