

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Monthly Report – February 2008

Overview of Activities

- The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of February: update all staffing caseloads, continue to prepare budget, continue outreach to other state agencies, Professional Development/Implementation, meet with key constituents regarding implementation of school improvement and system wide goals, respond to ongoing complaints, begin resolution, BSEA mediation/hearing processes, meet program and service delivery evaluation timelines, attend faculty/staff meetings, walkthrough of buildings, advertise early childhood screening, plan extended year programs, and advertise and promote outreach to the community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts.
- On February 7, 2008 at the VFW, the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council held a staff appreciation dinner to recognize the dedicated efforts of the special education faculty, staff and service providers who work tirelessly with their children.
- On February 28, 2008, under the leadership and facilitation of the Superintendent of Schools, a full-day program review of the Early Learning Center was held at the Uxbridge Police Department with the Director of Pupil Personnel Services and entire ELC faculty/staff.

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of February, 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 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 attended out-of-district IEP meetings in the following communities: Franklin, Attleboro, and Southbridge, 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. Additionally, in February, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services has participated in the budget Sub-Committee meeting process as a means of informing the larger School Committee of programmatic and service delivery needs “projected” for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The Department 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 talented and gifted students as well as 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 Assabet Valley Educational Collaborative is providing a leadership workshop series on maintaining compliant programs and services in the delivery of English Language Education.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to participate in the Blackstone Valley Educational Collaborative Regional monthly meeting for special education programs and services as well as ELL Low Incidence Districts Support Group – 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

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On February 12, 2008, the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) held its monthly meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year at 7:00p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

During the weekend of February 29 – March 2, 2008, students with disabilities from the Uxbridge Public Schools will be participating in the Massachusetts Special Olympics in Worcester, MA. The Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council encourages members of the community to come out and enjoy this fun-filled weekend.

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, March 4, 2008 at 7p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School to finalize plans for the Special Education Conference. (The USEPAC Special Education Conference will be held on April 5, 2008 at the Taft Elementary School from 8:30a.m. until 1:30p.m.)

General Department Information

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Upcoming Events

In the month March, the Department of Pupil Personnel Services will conduct formal Pre-K screenings, kindergarten screening processes initiated, budget review with town officials, post vacancies after budget approval, prepare yearly program/service delivery reports, prepare for SIMS submission, begin circuit breaker review process, hire summer staffing, and implement MCAS supports for assessment.

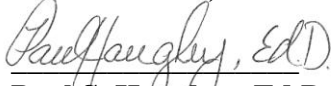
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On March 7, 2008, the Administrators of Special Education Conference will take place at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

The Council for Exceptional Children National Conference will take place in Boston, MA. from April 2- 5, 2008.

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