

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

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Monthly Report – March 2008

Overview of Activities

- 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.
- On March 25, 2008, a representative from MSBilling, Inc. came out to Uxbridge Public Schools to roll out the beta version of their CaseE IEP software platform, which is set for full 2.0 version release in September 2008.
- On March 27, 2008, the Uxbridge Public Schools completed its corrective action planning process with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Program Quality Assurance Services Division. A response on the proposed corrective actions is forthcoming.
- 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.

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of March, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services met with Uxbridge Public School service providers in the areas of special education, English language education, 504 compliance, nursing 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, Lancaster, Southborough, 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 March, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services participated in the budget Finance Committee meeting process as a means of informing the larger community of Uxbridge, MA. 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 ALL students.

Professional Development Activities

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. Members of the administrative team are actively participating in this workshop series.

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.

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

Five members of the administrative team attended a two-day Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Multi-Hazard Preparedness training workshop for schools on March 19 & 20, 2008.

On March 26, 2008, Vendetti Transportation Company came out to the Taft Elementary School to attend a professional development workshop titled, *Asthma 101*. Sue Donatelli, Taft Elementary School Nurse, put on the workshop for the Vendetti Transportation Company.

PAC Reports

On March 4 & 18, 2008, the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) held two meetings.

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 wants to thank members of the community-at-large who came out to support the students during 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, April 8, 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

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of February: 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, attend faculty/staff meetings, walkthrough of buildings, advertise early childhood screening, plan extended year programs, and advertise/promote outreach to the community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts.

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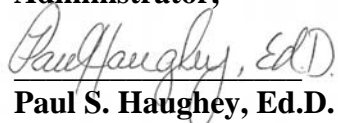
Upcoming Events

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

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