

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

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Monthly Report – May 2008

Overview of Activities

- The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of May: prepare for circuit breaker, MCAS, complete Medicaid timesheets, submit grants and reports, finalize hiring of extended school year faculty/staff, and advertise/promote outreach to the community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts.
- On May 6, 2008, the communities of Mendon-Upton, Hopedale and Uxbridge sponsored a basic rights workshop for families of students with disabilities new to the special education process.
- The Professional Development Team met on May 12, 2008 and May 28, 2008 with the primary focus of planning professional development activities for faculty and staff for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of May, 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, Milford, Attleboro, Dudley, 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.

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 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.

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PAC Reports

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.

On Tuesday, May 6, 2008, from 7 – 9 p.m., the communities of Mendon-Upton, Hopedale, and Uxbridge, MA. held a Basic Rights Workshop at the Miscoe Hill Middle School Library/Media Center in Mendon, MA. The USEPAC in conjunction with the Department of Pupil Personnel Services sponsored Mrs. Ann Ferioli of the Federation for Children with Special Needs, to speak at this event.

The final meeting of the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 7p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

General Department Information

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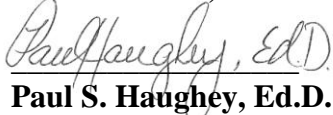
The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has recently released the New Special Education Notice of Procedural Safeguards. The latest version of the Procedural Safeguards can be found on the Uxbridge Public Schools PPS website front page at: http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/pupilservices_default.shtml

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, Uxbridge Public School students participated in the Southeastern Massachusetts Special Olympics Track & Field Meet held at the North Attleboro High School from 9a.m. – 2p.m.

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, June 7, the class of 2008 will graduate from Uxbridge High School. Commencement will begin at 10:30a.m.

Administrator,

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