

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Monthly Report – March 2009

Overview of Activities

- The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of February: Update all staffing caseloads, Meet Evaluation Timelines, Finalize budget processes for public hearing, Conduct early childhood screening, Professional development/implementation, Meet with key constituents regarding implementation of school improvement and system wide goals, Walkthrough of buildings, Conduct resolution, facilitation, mediation, and hearing Processes, Plan extended year programs, Complete Medicaid RMTS Reports, Implement MCAS Supports for Assessment, Prepare Yearly Reports, Submit SIMS, and Advertise and promote outreach to the community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts.
- ESL Adult Education Classes have begun. The classes are held twice per week throughout the months of February, March and April for those parents and families interested in learning English as a Second Language.
- On Thursday, March 5, 2009, A “Family Fun Night” for student with disabilities was held in the Whitin Middle School gymnasium with music, tee ball, and beach volleyball as just a few of the exercises everyone took part in from 7p.m. – 8:30p.m. Many congratulations to Mr. Mike Catalano, Mrs. Jane Sousa and Mrs. Celeste Cardin for all of their hard work and dedication to making the evening such a fun time for everyone in attendance.

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, Guidance Services, and Health/Wellness.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services attended out-of-district IEP meetings in the following communities: Bellingham, Blackstone, Framingham, Natick, North Attleboro, Plainville, 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. As well, the Director participates on the Uxbridge

Interagency Roundtable, Gifted and Talented Education Team, Response to Intervention (Rti) Implementation Team, and the Uxbridge Public Schools Technology Team.

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

The Director of Pupil Personnel Service has concluded a series of program reviews in the areas of Speech and Language Pathology as well as in the area of autism. Progress reports, preliminary reports and follow up materials/findings have been submitted to the Superintendent of Schools throughout this process.

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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 be an active member of monthly regional meetings. Each month, the Director attends the LSDO Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Team, the English Language Learners Low Incidence Group and the Blackstone Valley Educational Collaborative – as a means of remaining current with local, state and federal legal mandates.

PAC Reports

On March 11, 2009, the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) held its seventh meeting of the 2008-2009 academic year at 7:00p.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 Uxbridge Public Schools Parent Advisory Council has taken on the task of creating a Family Resource Guide for the greater community-at-large. This guide will offer guidance to parents and families looking for special education resources throughout the Blackstone Valley Region and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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General Department Information

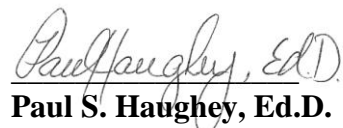
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Upcoming Events

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The Central MA Family Support Resource Fair “A Roadmap for Success” will be held On Wednesday, April 22, 2009, from 10am to 3pm at Worcester Technical High School. For more information, go to: http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/pdf_info/UPS_PPS_Central_MA_Family_Support_Festival.pdf

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