

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

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**Monthly Report – May 2009**

**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.
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**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: Attleboro, Franklin, Marlboro, and Milford, 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. Special consideration is being given to ARRA funds and their use as we prepare for end of 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 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.

### **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](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 Special Education Parent Advisory Council held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

### **General Department Information**


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### **Upcoming Events**

On Saturday, June 6, the class of 2009 will graduate from Uxbridge High School. Commencement will begin at 10:30a.m.

**Administrator,**

  
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