

## March 2019 Elementary Special Services Report

### Special Education:

Jeff Ennis, Special Education Program Coordinator, has accepted a Supervisor of Special Education Position with the Norristown School District. Jeff's last day in the Reading School District will be Friday, March 8. As such, please see update below in terms of the hiring plan and interim coverages:

- Ms. Michele Ruhl, Special Education Program Coordinator, will be joining our team until the new Program Coordinator is hired and onboard. Michele is from the CCIU and will be supporting the District from March 11-June 30, 2019. Michele will largely be supporting the students that are receiving their program in out-of-district placements as well as PASA testing and MA billing.
- Mr. Ryan Contento will begin supporting the Emotional Support programs, in addition to the Autism Support and Multiple Disabilities Support programs.

**PASA** – Let me know if you have any concerns regarding testing. I have heard that there were some concerns with the new video cameras. Please let me know if your concerns have not been addressed.

### Important Dates for 2018-2019 PASA Testing Cycle

Test Administration Window (ALL content areas): **February 25 – April 12, 2019\***

*\* No student responses may be entered or student videos uploaded after this date*

Test Materials Returned to PASA by **April 26, 2019**

### **PSSA-**

Window: ELA April 15 - 26

Math April 29 - May 3

RSD dates: ELA April 15, 16, 17

Math April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1, 2, 3

It is important that all test administrators have access to the accommodations for testing prior to testing so they can provide what the students need.

### ESL:

WIDA/ACCESS testing is complete. Thank you for all your hard work and collaboration.

Ellevation progress reports are due each quarter. Please make sure you are discussing any concerns or progress with the ESL teachers so that everyone is on the same page.

WIDA scores- check your student's WIDA scores to help you to plan for their accommodations in the classroom. The WIDA testing reports are detailed and provide suggestions on presenting material to students. Ask your ESL teacher for more information.

Reclassification of ELs is a collaboration between ESL teachers and the classroom teachers. Buildings are choosing what works best for them in order to document progress.

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