

September 2021 Elementary Special Services (K-6)

Welcome back!

Special Education:

I am excited to work with Beth Planer this year, as she takes on the role of Secondary Special Services Officer.

You may already know that Dr. Siobhan Leavy has left RSD. I am happy to report that Dr. Chrissy Murrin has returned to RSD to cover the position. Please check with your lead teachers to update yourself on any changes to your building PCs.

Beth Planer and I met briefly with Dr. Murrin in August and we plan on meeting again in September. We will update you with any pertinent information as it becomes available.

Child count will be here before you know it! Start planning ahead by scheduling your meetings as soon as possible.

Please welcome our new interpreter --Irnette Gonzalez! Gladys and Blanca have gotten some well - deserved support for interpreting this year!

PSEA:

The Special Education Board's (SEB) work throughout the 2020-21 school year included a virtual Special Education Conference. The event attracted many attendees and focused on the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of students. SEB will continue monitoring legislation and PDE's initiatives to support students with disabilities and high abilities during the new school year.

PSEA's Special Education Conference will tentatively be in person at the Penn Stater on March 4-5, 2022. Please save the date and look for more information forthcoming.

On June 30, Gov. Wolf signed Act 66 of 2021 into law. Act 66 permits students who were enrolled during the 2020-21 school year to repeat their grade level to make up for any lost educational opportunities because of COVID-19.

Therefore, COVID-19 compensatory services and PDE's roadmap for accelerated learning will begin for eligible students. IEP teams across the state will make plans for students individually. However, PSEA's initial data shows that few parents and/or IEP teams elected retention as a viable option to enhance learning.

ELL:

I do not have any updates, at this time. Please reach out if you have any concerns.

*****Please invite Beth and me to your monthly building meetings. We would be happy to attend and support you*****

Respectfully submitted,

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