

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Monthly Report – November 2007

Overview of Activities

- The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of October: Submit Circuit Breaker/SIMS, Private School State Report, McKinney Vento Homelessness Report, Professional Development/Implementation, Notice to students at 17 – Age of Majority, Notice Regarding Graduation, Meet with Key Constituents regarding implementation of school improvement, and system wide goals, Walkthrough of Buildings, and Advertise and promote outreach to the community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts.
- A newsletter for the months of October and November 2007 has been posted to the Uxbridge Public Schools website under the Pupil Services link.
- The USEPAC will be holding a Holiday Shopping Fair at the Taft Elementary School on Friday, November 30th, 2007 at 6:30p.m. For additional information regarding this exciting fundraising event, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Modica, Event Coordinator at jendmod@charter.net or by phone at 508.278.7363

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of October, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services met with Uxbridge Public School service providers in the areas of special education, English language education, 504 compliance, and guidance/wellness.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services attended out-of-district IEP meetings in the following communities: Dudley, Marlboro, Westboro, Oxford, 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.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to participate on Schools Partnering with Families Initiative 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 Education in the area of grant writing as a means of improving programs and services for students with disabilities.

Professional Development Activities

On October 1st, 2007, the New England Association of School and Colleges interviewed the Leadership Committee for Uxbridge High School. The Director of Pupil Personnel Services sat on this committee and contributed to the interview process as a means of providing information regarding the high school's programs and services.

Also on October 1st, 2007, Taft Elementary School faculty participated in Response to Intervention (RTI) training as a means of improving their knowledge and skills in the areas of the pre-referral processes.

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 – as a means of remaining current with local, state and federal legal mandates.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services is participating in a full year federally funded Department of Education Special Education Leadership Academy for New Administrators.

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services in conjunction with the special education team chairpersons participated in a webinar on the implementation of the new PL forms (PL1, PL2, and PL3) on all future Individual Education Programs (IEPs). The new PL forms training was offered online by the Department of Education as part of an ongoing series of *free* professional development opportunities.

PAC Reports

On October 9th, 2007, the Uxbridge Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) held its second meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year at 6:30p.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.

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The next meeting of the Uxbridge Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, November 13th, 2007 at 7p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

General Department Information

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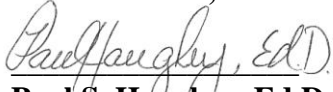
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Upcoming Events

The Uxbridge Public Schools Department of Pupil Personnel Services will be participating in a workshop on English Language Education “Curriculum Development” on Monday, November 5th, 2007 in conjunction with the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (MATSOL).

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