

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Monthly Report – April 2009

Overview of Activities

- The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of April: Participate in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act webinars, conferences and informational meetings with various agencies of federal, state and local government; Special Education School Choice Increment Report Submitted; 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; Recruit New Faculty/Staff; Implement Professional Development; Prepare and Implement MCAS Supports for Assessment; Prepare Contracts and Bids for Next Year; Prepare for Circuit Breaker/SIMS; Prepare for Posting of Vacancies After Budget Approval; Prepare Yearly Reports; and Advertise and promote outreach to the community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts.
- ESL Adult Education Classes concluded on April 16, 2009. The classes were 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.
- The Central MA Family Support Resource Fair “A Roadmap for Success” was 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

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of April, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services met with building principals, 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, Grafton, Mendon, Milford, Upton, 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, Professional Development 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.

In April, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services observed all phase one special education faculty and staff at the high school – concluding the observation reports prior to April 9, 2009.

The ESL Adult Education Classes have concluded. The classes were 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.

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

PAC Reports

On April 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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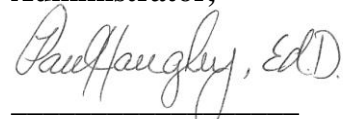
General Department Information

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Upcoming Events

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