

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Monthly Report – December 2009

Overview of Activities

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services is responsible for the following activities throughout the month of December: Submit Special Education Performance Plan to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Update all staffing caseloads, Prepare budget, Examine in detail program reviews of our Early Learning Center, Elementary School, and Transition Services, Contact early intervention on students/Outreach to other state agencies, Professional Development/Implementation, 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.

Subject Activities

Throughout the month of December, 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. Additionally, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services met with representative of MSB-Services, Inc. and CaseE, Inc, its IEP software provider, in an effort to effectively improve the software platform for the Uxbridge Public Schools administration, faculty, staff and service providers.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services attended out-of-district IEP meetings in the following communities: Canton, Douglas, Franklin, Milford, Medway, Sutton, 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 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.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education, Framingham State College, and Worcester State College.

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services continues to be an active member of the Curriculum directors' Local Staff Development Organization, South Central Alliance of Middle Schools, English Language Learners Low Incidence Group, and the Blackstone Valley Educational Collaborative Special Education Directors' Regional monthly meeting – as a means of remaining current with local, state and federal legal mandates.

PAC Reports

On December 9th, 2009, the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) had to cancel its fourth meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year due to severe weather conditions. The Parent Workshop the USEPAC was to host has been postponed until February of 2010.

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 next meeting of the Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7p.m. in the library of the Whitin Middle School.

General Department Information

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Upcoming Events

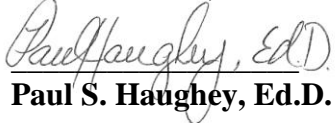
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On January 19, 2009, MSB-Services will send CaseE 2.0 & X-Logs Medicaid trainers out to provide professional development to our entire special education administration, faculty and staff on how to

operate the latest version of the IEP software platform. The latest version of X-Logs Medicaid software will be online January 24, 2009 – after this vital professional development training has been provided.

Beginning in January of 2010, the South Central Alliance of Middle Schools (SCAMS) in partnership with Worcester State College will be conducting a graduate level course for Uxbridge Public School faculty and staff on Behavior and Classroom Management in the Whitin Middle School Library from 4p.m. to 7p.m. The course will run through the first week in April 2010.

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