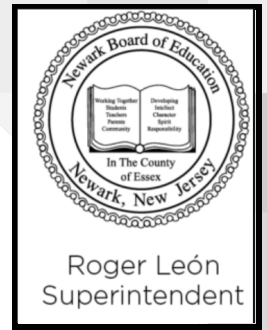


Newark Board of Education Office of Special Education

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Teacher Talk OSE Updates

Bi-Weekly Highlights

Autism Awareness

Autism program teachers who plan to participate in the Autism Awareness Kickoff should be working on the art and/or performance submissions they plan to include in the programming. All submissions are due no later than February 28th. Directions on submission will be featured in the next Teacher Talk.

Important DLM Information for New Test Administrators

Teachers with IEP students who will be participating in the ELA, Math, and/or Science DLM assessments must complete the state mandated PD. Test Administrators must view 4 self-directed modules and complete a post-test at the end of each module. A score of 80% or higher must be acquired before being allowed to move on to the next module and post-test. This training is only for teachers who have not yet completed all 4 modules and successfully completed all post-tests. Teachers new to DLM must contact the DLM District Coordinator at avasquez@nps.k12.nj.us and request a Kite Educator Account.

 **21-22 DLM Guidance Document**

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities Facilitated by OSE

Teachers must be approved by their building principals to attend OSE workshops that occur during the school day.

Orton-Gillingham Saturday Training

As teachers of special education students, we know your toolkit for specially designed instruction (SDI) is heavily needed to increase literacy outcomes and prepare students for post-secondary careers. To that end, the Office of Special Education is offering Orton-Gillingham training to special education teachers. The Orton-Gillingham approach is a direct, explicit, multisensory, structured, sequential, diagnostic and prescriptive way to teach literacy when reading, writing and spelling does not come easily to individuals, such as those with dyslexia. OSE will provide participants a stipend for the training. Below are the details for the training.

- A five week PD course occurring on Saturdays (Dates to be Determined)
- Special Education Teachers will be paid for the above dates and time
- Teachers must commit to all 5 days and hours of training in order to be selected
- PD is capped at 48 participants.

First priority will be given to special education teachers who support students in LDM, LDS, ERI or the Intellectual Disability self-contained classes.

The February PD sessions are now closed. OSE is taking additional names for the wait list. **The registration link is available within Whetstone.** (28 seats available)

Child Study Team PD Sessions

2/3/22 SLS Discipline Specific PD: Diagnosing and Treating Fluency in Schools

2/22/22 Monthly CST Workshop

- South West Ward at 8:30 am
- East Central Ward at 12:00 pm

2/23/22 Monthly CST Workshop

- HS/OD/Specialized Schools at 8:30 am
- North Ward at 12:00 pm

2/28/22

- IEC Meeting at 12:00 pm

Special Education Teacher Academy (S.E.T.A.)

2/15/22 at 4:00 pm

This workshop is dedicated to the new special education teachers to the district. Topics will cover discussions on Transition Statements within the IEP plus a Part 2 discussion on IEP Goals and working with the paraprofessional. If you are a special education teacher and you would like to join these monthly PD sessions reach out to Candice Wells, OSE Supervisor (c1wells@nps.k12.nj.us)

Lesson Designs for Students with Learning Differences (ELA LDM PD)

2/24/22 High School at 9 am and Elementary Schools at 1 pm

A Principal Overview Session was held on January 25th. This PD session will target 7th, 8th and 9th grade teachers. Invitation to this PD session has been sent to select elementary schools and high schools (Chancellor, Horton, Lincoln, Central High School and Weequahic).

STAR Autism Follow Up Virtual Visits

Visits to Elementary Schools starting February 14th

Visits to High Schools starting February 28th

Selected Teachers and Paraprofessionals will receive an email invite from their STAR Autism Consultant. Principals

will be copied. Please reach out to Candice Wells c1wells@nps.k12.nj.us with any questions.

OSE Staff

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East Central Ward & MD/MDMI Program: Cristina Pennetti	Emotional Regulation Program: Devvon Crawford
South West Ward & Emotional Regulation Impairment Program: Dr. Joe Bresnahan	MD/Multiple Disability Medical Impairment Program & District DLM Coordinator: Aida Vasquez
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Autism Program and Auditory Impairments Program: Katherine Agurto	Transition Program: LaPrice Weatherington
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