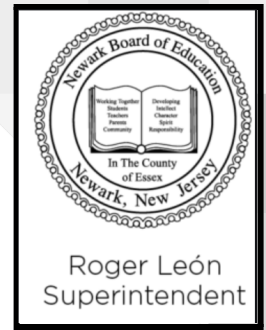


# Newark Board of Education

## Office of Special Education

May 9, 2022

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## Teacher Talk OSE Updates

### Bi-Weekly Highlights

#### Better Speech and Hearing Month

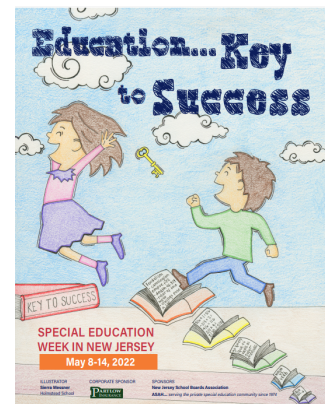
May is Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM)! 2022 marks the 50th year of this iteration. OSE is celebrating with a poster contest. Speech-language Specialists and Audiologists are encouraged to work with students to create posters that will raise awareness of communication disorders and show how Speech-Language Specialists and Audiologists help them. Please encourage your SLS and/or Audiologist to participate. More information on the contest can be found [here](#). Be sure to check out the American Speech-Language Hearing Associations BHSM campaign. Week 1 will be highlighting the school setting. Click [here](#) for more information

#### Special Education Week NJ celebrated the 2nd week of May

The Office of Special Education would like to take this time to thank all Special Education Teachers for their dedication and commitment for ensuring a safe and caring learning environment for all of our exceptional learners. A token of appreciation is being sent to all special education teachers at Newark Public Schools. Special Education Teachers can stop by their CST office to pick up their gift.

Due to the Mills v. Board of Education lawsuit in 1971, the courts ruled it unlawful to deny children with mental and learning disabilities access to public education. Since then other legislation became law to protect the educational rights of students with disabilities.

- Education for All Handicapped Children Act 1975, required states that accepted federal money to provide equal access to children with disabilities
- 1986 legislators included protections for parents and educators which led to the creation of an education plan for students with disabilities
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 1990, makes available a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) and ensures that special education and/or related services are provided to students with disabilities
- In NJ, Section: 18A:36-5: "Special Education Week" was created to recognize the contributions of families, community agencies, school boards and schools in their support of students with disabilities



See more information at the following link below.

<https://www.njsba.org/awards-programs/innovations-special-education-awards/>



## **Special Education Teacher Committee & the Special Education Teacher Academy**

The Office of Special Education appreciates teacher feedback and input that is provided at prior professional development sessions. Your feedback is valued and used to improve future professional development opportunities. The Office of Special Education is currently planning support for the upcoming school year 2022 to 2023. OSE would like to include the voices of special education teachers from across the district representing different special education programs and grade levels.

The last meeting of special education teachers new to Newark Board of Education will conclude in May. Due to the interest of veteran special education teachers joining this group, the Office of Special Education will extend the invite to all (new and veteran) special education teachers for the upcoming school year.

If you are interested in joining the Special Education Teacher Committee or the Special Education Teacher Academy (S.E.T.A.), please click the link below.

- [Special Education Teacher Committee and Special Education Teacher Academy Interest Survey](#)

## **Office of Special Education & Gallaudet University - Clerc Center Collaboration**

The Office of Special Education (OSE) is excited to announce the upcoming visit from The Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center (Clerc Center) at Gallaudet University. The Clerc Center works with schools and programs to identify training and technical assistance needs to enhance, improve, or modify existing programs to maximize instructional practices, student support services, and leadership strategies with the goal of improving the achievement levels of deaf and hard of hearing students nationwide. During Phase 1, May 31 - June 2, 2022, Marianne Belsky, Chief Academic Officer from the Laurent Clerc Center will visit Bruce Street School for the Deaf and the Auditory Impairments Program at Technology High School to conduct classroom observations of the programs, review current curriculum materials and will meet with key stakeholders at the two schools. At the conclusion of the site visit, the Clerc Center will provide OSE with a summary of the site visit and a proposal for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year's future visits and trainings.

### **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.**

#### **SLS Discipline Specific PD**

May 9, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm <https://nboe.webex.com/meet/cdixon>

*Celebrating Better Hearing and Speech Month: Literacy Instruction for Complex Communicators.* Invite and webex

link is forthcoming from Ms. Nicole Ford.

May 24, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm <https://nboe.webex.com/meet/nford>

*Celebrating Better Hearing and Speech Month: Speech-Language Therapy for the High Schooler; Writing Goals & Objectives; Looking Ahead '22-'23 SY*

### **STAR Autism**

May 16 to 20, 2022

Facilitators from STAR Autism will visit each model class per Autism Program this week. Email invites are sent to each teacher that is a part of this initiative.

### **OSE CST monthly workshop/meeting**

May 17, 2022

South West Ward at 8:30 am to 11:30 am

East/Central Ward at 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

May 18, 2022

HS/OOD/Specialized Schools at 8:30 am to 11:30 am

North Ward at 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

May 23, 2022

New CST Workshop Training #5 at 9:00 am to 11:30 am

IEC Meeting at 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

May 24, 2022

Special Education Teachers new to the district over the last three years and/or who are a part of the S.E.T.A. are encouraged to attend this last meeting for the year. This group will be opened to all special education teachers during the upcoming school year 2022-2023.

### **UDL Practicum Series Individual Coaching Sessions**

May (select days per teacher availability)

Avon, Chancellor, Cleveland, Horton and Speedway have selected teachers to work as a team to learn about UDL. A part of this OSE initiative to learn about UDL includes the UDL Six Step process for lesson planning. During the month of May, facilitators from WestEd will host coaching sessions with this group of teachers who were identified by their building principals.

### **Camelot ERI Coaching Visits**

Camelot coaching visits will continue this month for Teachers in the ERI Program. Teachers will receive an email invite from their Camelot ERI Consultant. Principals will be copied. Please reach out to Dr. Joe Bresnahan [jbresnahan@nps.k12.nj.us](mailto:jbresnahan@nps.k12.nj.us) with any questions.

### EdPlan (formerly EasyIEP) PD Resources

Would you like to create and save your own Goals and Objectives within the EdPlan System? Do you need a refresher regarding the new EdPlan Interface platform. Please see the Goals and Objectives Manual below. This manual and other manuals are also available on your EdPlan homepage. A prior EdPlan PD recording along with the slide deck is also provided below.

- [Creating a Goals and Objectives Bank Manual](#) by PCG
- [PLAAFPs, IEP Goals and EdPlan Slide Deck](#)
- [Recorded March 9th PD on PLAAFPs, IEP Goals and EdPlan](#) (password: #1Special)

### OSE Staff

OSE Supervisors	OSE Program Specialists
North Ward SLT: Dr. Shirley Fonseca	Autism Program: Susan Marshall
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
Autism Program and Auditory Impairments Program: Katherine Agurto	Preschool Disabled Program: Amy Woods
OSE Professional Development: Candice Wells	Transition Program: LaPrice Weatherington
Preschool Disabled and OOD CST: Cheryl Myrie	
Related Services & Assistive Technology Initiative: Nicole Ford	