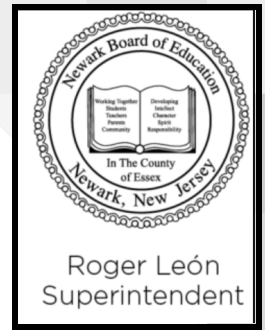


Newark Board of Education

Office of Special Education

December 5, 2022

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Teacher Talk OSE Updates

Diverse Abilities Awareness

Celebrating Inclusive Schools Week

OSE honors Inclusive Schools Week, **December 5th-9th**, each year during the first full week of December. The theme for 2022 is “Unity Within Our Community”. Inclusion isn’t simply allowing students with disabilities to share space with their peers; it involves the deliberate use of evidence-based strategies to allow all students access to meaningful learning.

Each school is encouraged to engage in activities during the first week of December to highlight their building’s climate and culture to celebrate Diversity and Unity. See our [Inclusive Schools 2022 Calendar of Activities](#) for ideas on ways to celebrate inclusion.

Resources for Teachers and School Staff

- [Inclusion Basics](#) - A brief online course covering the history and philosophy of inclusion
- [Top Ten Tips for Supporting Students with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom](#) - Practical strategies to help students with ASD have successful general education experiences
- [Tip Sheets for Teachers](#) - 4 Habits of Effective Inclusive Educators, 5 Ways to Create an Inclusive School Culture, 8 Ways to Get Learning “Off the Page”, and more!
- [Fair is Not Always Equal](#) - A poster that presents the idea of differentiation with easy-to-understand graphics
- [Meeting Mimi](#) - Grade K-2 activity sheets and lesson plan aligned with the book by Francie Dolan. All elementary schools will also receive a copy of the book.
- [Just Ask](#) - Grade 3-5 activity sheets and lesson plans aligned with Supreme Court Justice Sonya Sotomayor’s book on embracing differences. All elementary schools will also receive a copy of the book.
- [The Reason I Jump](#) - Grade 6-12 activity which includes excerpts from the bestselling book by Naoki Higashida as well as discussion questions.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Child Study Team PD Sessions

This year, all OSE PD workshops and monthly meetings for the Child Study Team can be found in SchoolMint Grow as well Principal Points and Teacher Talks. Child Study Team members are to self-register for select OSE CST workshops and/or monthly meetings within SchoolMint Grow. CSTs should review the workshop description to determine which OSE workshops to attend.

CST Monthly Meeting/Workshop

- Tuesday, December 6, 2022
 - South West and East Central Ward meet at 8:30 am (virtually)
 - North Ward meet at 12:00 pm (virtually)
 - High School & Specialized Schools at 1:00 pm (Marion Bolden)
- Monday, December 12, 2022
 - IEC Team meet at 1:00 pm (virtually)

NEW CST Workshops

PD Session will be held virtually.

- Monday, December 14, 2022 9:00 am to 11:00 am

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT for TEACHERS

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

December's workshop will address Accommodations and Specially Designed Instruction. Please register in SchoolMint Grow. In this session, teachers will also share strategies and successes from their classrooms.

- December 13, 2022 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

OSE Office Hours

December's OSE Office Hours will focus on PLAAFPs, IEP Goals and the EdPlan Interface. Please see resources from prior workshops below. Manuals are also available within the EdPlan Dashboard. Use this [Webex Link to Join](#) on the following dates below.

- Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 20, 2022 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm

[Writing PLAAFPs and IEP Goals slide deck](#)

[PLAAFP Rubric \(adapted from Carol Kosnitsky\)](#)

[IEP Goal Writing Hints](#)

[EdPlan New User Interface \(PLAAFP and IEP Goals\)](#)

[EdPlan Creating Your Own Goalbank](#)

EDPlan Facilitated Trainings

Public Consultant Group (PCG) provides free virtual training on EdPla: PLAAFP and Goal Development and GoalBank Management. See the link below for the available training dates and times for December 2022. Teachers who are not able to attend a training provided by PCG may want to consider joining the OSE Office Hours (see above for dates and times).

- [EdPlan December PD](#)

TRAINING SERIES for CST and Paraprofessionals in the Autism Programs

rethinkEd Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) On-Demand

Child Study Team members and paraprofessionals who work in the Autism Programs can support their students and respective teachers by accessing the on-demand ABA Learning Modules in RethinkEd's lesson library. CST and paraprofessionals can increase their skill set in the area of ABA and learn more about evidence-based support for learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Special education teachers that support the Autism Program all currently have access to ReThink.

Case managers and paraprofessionals for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder have 2 Training options:

- Basic Training: Educators can earn a certificate for 8-hours of professional development upon completion of all 11 Basic Training modules.
- Advanced Training: Educators can earn a certificate for each individual training module, amounting to 40-hours of professional development upon completion. This course can also be used to satisfy the RBT Certification coursework requirements.

If you would like access to the ABA On-Demand Training Series or if you have any questions, please reach out to Katherine Agurto, OSE Supervisor (kagurto@nps.k12.nj.us).

rethinkEd OSE REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN® (RBT®)

Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 Paraprofessionals can register for the November RBT Virtual sessions on SchoolMint Grow under, NBOE & RethinkEd Paraprofessional RBT Training - Highly Qualified ABA Specialist 2022-2023 Series. The RethinkEd Consultant will schedule the Monthly Applied Practice Coaching Onsite Support at the paraprofessionals' respective building.

Behavior Management Part 3: Complete Training Modules: 20A-20C

- PLC Topic 5: Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Zoom Link Information is available on SchoolMint Grow. Please reach out to Katherine Agurto, OSE Supervisor, with any questions (kagurto@nps.k12.nj.us).

Transitioning into DDD Services for Parents, Students, Teachers and CSTs

OSE will be hosting a virtual meeting for parents and students in our high school special education programs. A representative from Equal Opportunity Support Services will be sharing information on transitioning from high school to DDD services. See attached flier for more information.

- [Equal Opportunity Parent Meeting Flyer](#)
- Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm



OSE Staff

OSE Supervisors	OSE Program Specialists
North Ward SLT & ID Program Dr. Shirley Fonseca	Autism Program: Jennifer LoConti
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 & DLM Coordinator: Maria Jara
High School and Specialized Schools/ Transition Program: Kear French	Preschool Disabled Program: Amy Woods
Autism Program and Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program: Katherine Agurto	High School Transition Program: LaPrice Weatherington
Initial Evaluation Center: Adriana DeGiovanni	
OSE Professional Development: Candice Wells	
Preschool Disabled and OOD CST: Cheryl Myrie	
Related Services & Assistive Technology Initiative: Nicole Ford	