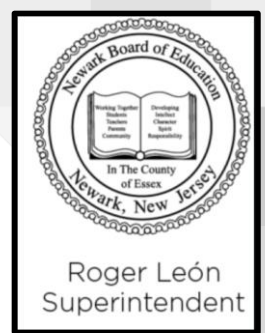


Newark Board of Education

Office of Special Education

December 6, 2021

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Teacher Talk OSE Updates

Bi-Weekly Highlights

Inclusive Schools Week December 6 to December 10

Monday, December 6th marks the first day of Inclusive Schools Week. During this annual celebration, NPS and school districts around the country recognize the incredible work that educators put forth in developing inclusive practices for students of all abilities. Please join us in this celebration by acknowledging the teachers who put inclusive practices into place in their own classrooms as well as the support staff who support those practices to best serve all students.

This year's [NBOE OSE Inclusive Schools Week slideshow](#) will be posted on the district website. We would like to extend a special thanks to the schools that submitted slideshow content: Camden Street School, NJ Regional Day School, ECC North, and Salomé Ureña Elementary School.

For ideas, activities and more information on Inclusive Schools, please see the [Inclusive Schools Celebration Guide](#)

OSE Initiative Updates

What eSpecially is Happening in the Office of Special Education

- **STAR Autism**—one class in each school with the Autism Program has been identified as a model classroom. We have our initial overview and training for administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals. STAR's next scheduled visit is scheduled for the week of December 13th.
- **Preschool UDL professional learning series**—OSE won a grant from NJDOE on Preschool Inclusive Education. This grant will work with preschool teachers and preschool disability teachers in 14 schools. Teachers will attend 5 one hour virtual trainings in November and December.
- **Universal Design for Learning**—The district has identified 10 schools to participate in UDL training for a general education teacher, special education teacher, teacher coach and administrator. This year-long training will provide teachers a deeper knowledge of UDL and the tools and resources to turnkey to other staff members. An administrator overview was provided on Friday, November 12, 2021. This training will begin in December.

- **K-2 Literacy Initiative**—OSE has identified 16 special education teachers in grades K-2 to strengthen reading for special education students. Our goal is to train teachers and provide monthly coaching to assess a student’s growth with the reading curriculum. Teachers were trained in October. Teachers receive coaching support once per month to review progress or other needs.
- **ERI professional development**—Camelot has begun the initial work with the ERI population. They conducted a site visit and provided next steps for implementation. We will begin the monthly coaching in December. (5 schools)
- **Monthly CST Professional Learnings** CSTs are currently using the new user interface for PLAAFP and IEP Goal writing. Other EdPlan updates to support families include EdPlan Connect in which families can access their IEPs remotely. Emails and documents are also available in their native language. See below the upcoming CST Professional Learning Sessions for December.
- **MA Case**—**NBOE 20 and 90 day numbers have surpassed 90% for the 4th consecutive report. The district is looking to meet with the NJDOE and plaintiffs to discuss next steps for compliance.**

Important DLM Information Reminder:

The DLM Instructionally Embedded Assessments for identified IEP students must be completed no later than December 10, 2021. Once all testing is completed Teachers will need to download and save all student reports for ELA and Math. Attached is a step-by-step slide deck to assist with this task. Please be mindful that all data will be erased by the NJDOE with no opportunity for retrieval. Please direct your questions to avasquez@nps.k12.nj.us

[Saving DLM Instructionally Embedded Assessments Student Reports](#)

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. OSE sends email invites to CSTs.

Child Study Team PD Sessions

12/9/21 LDTC Discipline Specific PD: Woodcock Johnson IV Refresher

12/10 SLS Discipline Specific Workshop

12/13/21

- High School CSTs at 8:30 am
- 8th Grade CSTS at 12:00 pm

12/14/21 CST Monthly Workshop: All CSTs at 8:30 am

12/20/21

- New CST Workshop at 8:30 am
- IEC Team Meeting at 12:00 pm

NJIETA Grant Weekly Webinar

12/6 final session of a series

One hour PD sessions are held on the above dates. This five week series of one hour PD sessions are for General Education and Special Education Teachers pre-selected for this PD session regarding UDL and supporting PreK students with a disability in the general education classroom. Invites are sent to teachers and their administrators on a weekly basis. Please contact Cheryl Myrie for any assistance.

STAR Autism Follow Up Virtual Visits

12/13/21 to 12/17/21

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.

Strengthening Your Effectiveness as a Special Education Resource Teacher

12/14/21 Elementary Grades PreK-6 PD Session

12/15/21 Secondary Grades 7th to 12 PD Session

Professional Development is facilitated by Kathy Morris from the Bureau of Education and Research. In this session special education teachers who serve as Resource Teachers will be able to 1) Expand their expertise as a special education Resource Teacher, 2) Learn new ways to better implement multi-level instruction and differentiated intervention, 3) Help their students learn to self-regulate and decrease misbehavior with classroom-tested strategies and 4) Learn Practical activities and approaches to meeting the needs of the student with special needs.

Teachers must have permission from their building principals as coverage is needed for this full day PD session.

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

12/14/21 at 4:00 pm

This workshop is dedicated to the new special education teachers to the district. Topics will cover Program Look Fors and Lesson Planning with a paraprofessional.

The Office of Special Education will also host monthly OSE Office Hours in which other general education and special education teachers can attend.

OSE Office Hours

Office Hours are available for both general education and special education teachers

PCG presents the EdPlan New User Interface on 12/7 at 4 pm

Teachers can meet with Megan McCormick and learn about the new user interface available for PLAAFP and IEP Goals. See the link below to register.

[Dec.7, 2021 PCG Registration Link](#)

IEP Development 12/16/21 at 3:15 pm

Presented by Candice Wells

<https://nboe.webex.com/meet/c1wells>

General education and special education teachers are invited to learn about “Writing Standards-aligned SMART IEP Goals”.

[Registration Link](#)

OSE Staff

OSE Supervisors	Program Specialists
North Ward SLT: Dr. Shirley Fonseca	Autism Program: Susan Marshall
East Central Ward: Cristina Pennetti MD/MDMI Program	Emotional Regulation Program: Devvon Crawford
South West Ward: Dr. Bresnahan Emotional Regulation Impairment Program	MD/Multiple Disability Medical Impairment Program: Aida Vasquez District DLM Coordinator
High School and Specialized Schools: Transition Program	Preschool Disabled: Amy Woods
Auditory Impairments Program: Katherine Agurto	Transition Program: LaPrice Weatherington
OSE Professional Development: Candice Wells OSE Instructional Team (Program Specialists)	
Related Services: Nicole Ford Assistive Technology Initiative	

Prior Teacher Talk

- [9-27-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [10-12-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [10-25-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)

- [11/22/21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)