

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Staff Travel Report
to
School Board of Trustees

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent via Margaret Heim.

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Staff Member:	<u>Dusti Houk</u>	School:	<u>Dayton Elementary</u>
Assignment:	<u>Assistant Principal</u>	Name of Conference: (Do not use acronyms)	<u>Pacific Northwest Institute Soed Law</u>
Location of Conference:	<u>Bellevue, Washington</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>September 16-18, 2024</u>

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

This conference was about educating attendees on the importance of special education laws, and making decisions/choices that are in the best interest of the students, while following the laws. The depth of knowledge the individuals have that presented was tremendous. They gave insight, personal stories, and an overview of what happened this last year in special education law in the western states, and the 9th circuit.

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

Getting hands on experience with individuals who work in the trenches with case law for special education was so beneficial. The mini-course, the general session and all the workshops allowed me an opportunity to learn firsthand from lawyers who are trying these cases in court. They gave insightful ideas, hints, and suggestions on how to create Individual Education Plans (IEP's) and/or 504's that will best benefit the direction the student's education will go. I have brought back the information that I learned and have already implementing this in my 504 meetings. Bringing awareness to the forefront will allow me the opportunity to make better decisions and have more informative conversations with parents.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?

I have already implemented what I have learned in the couple of 504's I have run since returning. Writing 504's in a way that benefit the student more and accommodation's that are geared to how the adults on campus with help the student. I had mentioned to a couple of our special education teachers I was going to this and they have been asking how it was. I can have more informative conversations with them, and shared with them a little bit of what I have learned. Being able to focus on specifics such as how attendance impacts the students' learning goals, and maybe setting up additional meetings in case we need to revisit to make sure the learning goals are written in a way to help the student.

Other Comments:

I want to thank Rachel Stewart for inviting me to this conference, as well as our school board for approving this. These types of conferences are very beneficial to allow us an opportunity to learn firsthand from individuals who work in these areas daily. I would also like to thank Mr. Woodford for taking care of everything at school while I was gone.

Rachel Stewart

Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

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Deputy Superintendent Approval

10.3.2024

Date

10-4-24

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