

Special Services Building Report

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Board Meeting

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Special Education Activities

- I want to start this board report with individually thanking each and every one of my SpEd team members for stepping up and going the extra mile to keep our ship moving forward during this crazy storm we call COVID-19. Not only has every one of the SpEd teachers, Speech Language Pathologists and School Psychologists stepped up and dove in, but they are actually building this plane called virtual FAPE as we are learning to fly it. To each of the PCA's and TA's that have dove in to support our teachers and professional team, we are all so very grateful you are here! Also, there is another person that deserves to be mentioned, Colleen Nolan. She is continually going the extra mile to support our team, making sure everything behind the scenes is up and running and ready to go so that each of us can continue to do our job as remotely as possible. So, Dawn, Louise, Liz, Mary, Jessica, Masala, Juanita, Laura, Irene, Carla, Kitty, Jenna, Virgil, Alida, Cheryl, Katie, Greg, Karen and Ginny, my hats off to you and I am so very proud to be a part of our team!
- Daily contact with teachers, program professionals, PCA's and TA's has been implemented virtually and by telephone. As the OPI has gone into great detail explain that the district needs to continue providing FAPE to all students that participate in SpEd in good faith, each team member logs every contact to show data that this process continues daily.

- IEP's are continuing virtually and are occurring within the annual dates tat OPI is continuing to adhere to.
- I have been meeting weekly with teachers, psychologists and SLP's to assist in answering questions, supplying information and providing support whenever and wherever it's needed.
- I am also meeting weekly with SpEd Directors across the state and OPI for the most up to date and vital information to help our program stay in compliance.
- Here is a link shared through our SpEd Directors meeting with current and up to date information~

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