



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the MVSEC Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Carla Cumblad, Executive Director
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RE: Institute Day, March 1, 2013

On March 1st, the certified staff from the New Pathways, PALS, VIP, Multiple Disabilities, CLASS and Transition Programs participated in the final session of professional development regarding goal writing and progress monitoring. In all, MVSEC staff participated in three full days of training and several department meeting follow-ups regarding this topic over the past two years. At this culminating session, staff members shared their successes with goal writing and progress monitoring. The New Pathways team shared the results of their video modeling project that was originally sponsored by the IAASE grant. In addition, four more staff members shared their successes. They included Jenny Best/Rebekah Lehman from PALS, Anne Waters from Transition, Megan Burnett from CLASS, and Deb Sall, New Pathways.

This foundation on individual progress monitoring also allowed us to begin the important dialogue regarding measuring programmatic student growth for the wide variety of students with special needs. This work will continue for two years to reach the goal of having a systematic approach for the new educator evaluation requirements for certified staff members.

Other members of the faculty participated in several conference offerings on this same date. The New Directions staff attended the ICE conference; the teachers of students with hearing impairments attended the Illinois Teachers of the Hearing Impaired Conference; the adapted physical education teachers attended the APE conference; and the OT/PTs submitted individual professional growth activities for the day, many of whom participated in on-line webinars.