

**CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**September 09, 2019**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT**

TO: Dr. Laurine VanValkenburg, Superintendent

FROM: Menhem Aouad, Director of Special Services

RE: **A. ACTION ITEMS**  
1. None

**B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**  
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Sometimes in the process of developing programs and services for students with a disability, it becomes difficult for the IEP Team to agree on what might be the most appropriate program or service for a child in the educational environment. The Michigan Special Education Mediation Program (MSEMP), a federally-funded and mandated activity provided by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education (MDE-OSE) is available to the IEP team free of charge. The program provides services through the Community Dispute Resolution Program, a network of conflict resolution centers across the state. The mediation process is a voluntary process available to parents and schools. The mediation process brings a trained mediator to the table to help with communication and to assist with resolving these issues.

On Thursday, September 19, 2019, Valerie Murphy-Goodrich from the Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center will lead a presentation on the Special Education Mediation process in our District during the First PAC Meeting.

Parents and community members are invited to attend at 6:00 PM.

The meeting will be held on the Riverside Auditorium.