

Special Education Forum

November 2016



Welcome back!



I hope you had a great break and that your 2016-17 year is off to a wonderful start! First of all, we have a new **Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services, Mark Miller**, who has joined us from the Capistrano Unified School District. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge about special ed and has been involved at the state level to explore ways to strengthen programs and create more options.

Here are some updates for the 2016-17 school year:



I'm pleased to announce the first **special ed forum!** This is an exciting opportunity to collaborate with parents on a variety of special education topics.



We will regularly circulate a **newsletter** to share news and updates throughout the school year.



The special ed link is now more accessible and is listed on the district webpage under the Parent & Students heading. Our committee is working together to make the **special ed webpage** a valuable informational resource.



We are also exploring ways we can create more opportunities at each school site for student and family involvement!

And that's just the beginning! If you have any questions or want to get involved, please contact me directly! Hope your year is off to a great start!

Special Ed Forum Committee Members

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Administrative Services

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Coordinator of Special Education

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Parent - Hybrid Program - Oak Crest M.S.

Lucile Lynch

Parent - Fundamentals - LCC

Janet Schenker

Parent - Hybrid Program - LCC

Joanne Stress

Parent - ATP Program
District CAC Rep

High Schools

Canyon Crest Academy = CCA
La Costa Canyon High School = LCC
San Dieguito Academy = SDA
Sunset High School = Sunset
Torrey Pines High School = TP

Middle Schools:

Carmel Valley Middle School = CVMS
Diegueno Middle School = Diegueno
Earl Warren Middle School = EW
Oak Crest Middle School = Oak Crest
Pacific Trails Middle School = Pacific Trails

Programs:

ATP = Adult Transition Program
FLS = Functional Life Skills
Gen Ed = General Education
TAP = Transitional Alternative Program
Hybrid Program = Student participates in more than one of the programs

Welcome!

Leadership Updates

New Principals:

CCA: Brett Killeen
TP: Rob Coppo

New Assistant Principals:

Digueno: Guen Butler
SDA: Robert Caughey

Program Supervisor

Crystal Bejarano, Psy.D

New school psychologists:

CVMS: Shelbi Kowalski
Earl Warren: Jennifer Emberger
SDA: Kaylee O'Toole

Dear Teachers!

We hope to have a **"Teachers' Corner"** soon so please share any news you have for inclusion!



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North Coastal Consortium for Special Ed

CAC
NEWS

North Coastal
Consortium for Special Education

The Community Advisory Committee meets once a month to discuss special education news at the regional, state and national level. NCCSE also offers numerous informational meetings for parents and staff. Meetings and information are available on the NCCSE website at: www.nccse.org. Video recording of the meetings are listed in case you would like to take a look to see what the CAC does!

FREE!

Special Ed

Information

Collaboration

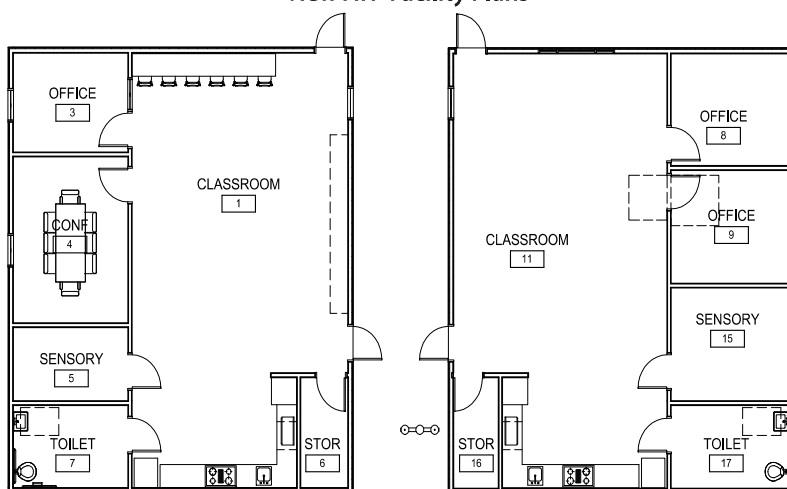
Networking

ATP news

The ATP program: Qualifying students aged 18 - 22 with disabilities may continue education beyond high school to help them become more independent, self-determined and functioning members of our society through community-based and collaborative services. Updates regarding our ATP program for this school year include:

1. We have finalized plans for the **new ATP facility** which will be an independent facility near the Solana Beach business community near the Stevens and Lomas Santa Fe intersection.
2. We have increased support from the District's **Workability** leadership in the areas of work experience, subsidized employment, instructional aide support, community-based experiences and academic instruction.
3. We are continuing to build our partnership with **Mira Costa College** and now have Learning Center classes at the San Elijo campus for basic academic instruction to enable our students to participate in a college setting.
4. We are exploring opportunities to collaborate with other districts and our SELPA to partner for **joint activities** in sports, community outings, and social opportunities.
5. We will be funding an independent transition assessment to explore our programming needs.

New ATP Facility Plans



Career exploration resources (never too early to start!)



www.californiacareers.info/
www.careeronestop.org
www.cacareerzone.org
www.cacareercafe.com
www.yesjobsearch.com
www.whodoyouwant2be.com
www.mynextmove.org

Community Corner

NCCSE:

NCCSE offers numerous workshops at no cost to parents, students or staff.

To learn more, go to:

<http://nccse.org/family/families-home>

Nov. 5, 10 am - 12:00 pm: Evidence based practices for ASD (Targeting Social Skills)

Nov. 16, 4:30 - 6:30 pm: Introduction to Google Chrome Tools

Dec. 9, 10 am - 12 pm: Accessibility Tools available on Google Chrome - Open Lab!

Community Resources:

<http://nccse.org/family/community-resources>

Resolving Disagreements - RSS:

<http://nccse.org/family/resolving-disagreements-rss-process>

THINKING AHEAD!

Sample post-secondary educational options & resources:

Think College: www.thinkcollege.com

College 2 Career (3 year program) San Diego Community

College: Recruitment is currently underway for students interested in attending post-secondary program to help with employment. Must be a SDRC client. Referral through the SDRC can be made up until 11/11/16.

College Internship Programs:

<http://cipworldwide.org>

College Living Experience Programs:

<http://experiencecle.com>

Mira Costa College

<https://www.miracosta.edu/>

Taft College Transition to Independent Living

<http://www.taftcollege.edu/tcwp/til/>

UCLA Pathways for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (2 year program):

<http://education.uclaextension.edu/pathway/>