

**FROM:** Cheryl Hall, Director of Special Services  
**TO:** All Special Education Staff  
**DATE:** August 9, 2018  
**RE:** Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year!

Welcome to all of our new staff and welcome back to all of our returning teachers and educational assistants. I hope you are enjoying summer! I also hope you are ready and re-energized to embark on the next journey of our work focused on learning and growth of every student.

In order for us to accomplish this goal we must work as a unified team across disciplines and programs. How will you engage and positively influence those around you to create a culture of educational excellence where every student and educator is allowed to excel?

Over the summer a group of special education teachers and related services staff came together to map out a course to review the provision of special education programming and the continuum of services. Representatives from this group will be sharing more about this at our special education training sessions during workshop week. While we are starting with the discussion around our setting II/III programs this process will apply to all special education settings as we move forward. All special education licensed and non-licensed staff will have the opportunity for stakeholder input and participation throughout the process.

The elementary buildings will be rolling out a new reading curriculum which includes interventions and specialized instruction materials called SIPPS. The SIPPS material will be available K-12 and training/materials can be accessed on line. The High School will be embarking on a new Flex Hour for all students which will provide opportunities for all students to participate and experience a variety of optional activities and learning experiences.

It will be an exciting year of learning and teaching and Sara and I are happy to be working with you and supporting the work that you do with students!

Please help us welcome our new Special Education Staff. We hope we have not missed anyone.

**New Licensed Staff:**

Jessica Enge	Greenvale Park	DCD Teacher
Christopher Fatze	Middle School	DCD Teacher
Lydia Gross	Longfellow	ECSE Teacher
Katie Hanson	High School	Resource Room Teacher
Meghan Kuechenmeister	High School	DCD LI Teacher
Jessica Levy	Bridgewater	Resource Room Teacher
Angela Lynch	High School/ALC	Resource Room Teacher
Kim Medin	Middle School	EBD Resource Teacher
Deborah Navarro	Greenvale Park	Resource Room Teacher

**New Non –Licensed Staff**

Melissa Kaderlik	Sibley	PCA
Leanne King	Sibley	PCA
Sara Medin	Sibley	PCA
Victoria Voegele	Sibley	PCA

Please review the Special Education Required Trainings for Licensed and Non- Licensed Staff and the August Workshop training and meeting schedules included on the website.

We hope you enjoy the next few weeks and we look forward to seeing you soon!