

Dear PSEA Special Education Support Staff,

The deadline for completing the survey regarding special education services has been extended. Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback if you have not already done so. Your voice during this process is vital as we continue to review and refine services and supports to our students with disabilities. Please complete the survey no later than Monday, April 16, 2018.

Click here for the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPYW3QH>

For more information, read original communication below or contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Joint Communication

February 16, 2018

On January 26, 2018, our SEAC met for a second time to continue to review how we are providing supports to students receiving special education services and to identify opportunities to strengthen and improve our programs. During our session, no programmatic decisions were made.

During our meeting, we engaged in the following:

- Group member share-out of additional research and existing models inside and outside PUSD
- Organized recommendations from both SPED studies and best practices documents into categories of work
- Worked toward the essential elements within each area identified for improvement, using guiding questions and criteria
- Collaborated in small groups, discussed and came to consensus on what to do in each area

The team focused on the following key areas and a stakeholder survey was developed:

- Transportation and Eligibility
- RTI2, Instructional Practices, and Staff Development
- Attitudes, Beliefs, Policies and Procedures
- LRE, Special Education Programs, Caseload and Staffing levels

Survey results are due on February 28, 2018, and data will be analyzed by an external research firm.

At our last Board of Education meeting it was recommended that we move forward with this work, without an external facilitator. The team was also asked to provide a timeline to the Board, outlining intentional steps toward implementing program improvements, including least restrictive environment, even if the steps are incremental. We will continue to keep you in the communication loop and value your feedback via the survey.

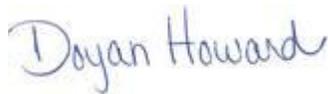
Enjoy your February Break!



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