



**To: Mr. Middleton, Superintendent  
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board  
Members of Newport Board of Education**

October 22 – November 9, 2018

This year Newport Independent School's Exceptional Children Dept. personnel will participate in a study called *Teaching Academic Success Skills to Middle School Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders – An Intervention for the School Setting*.

This study is directed by Leanne Tamm, Ph.D. and Amie Duncan, Ph.D., researchers at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The goal of this research is to teach middle-school children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) organization, planning, and study skills. Teresa Smolio, and I will participate in focus group discussions and review proposed intervention content generated to support academic study skills of students identified with Autism. We will assist the group in designing a systematic program that could be implemented in a public school structure. All recommendations will be based on district and state College & Career Readiness Standards for students participating in non-diploma path programming. The first meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2108 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

As of 11/9/2018 Exceptional Children Programming Rates:

- 504/ADA – 16 Students
- Special Education Services – 235 Students

**Alternate Service Location Enrollments:**

- Phoenix Program – 5 Students
- Challenge Program – 2 Students
- Learning Academy-1 Student
- Home School Students – 3 Students

**Related Service Enrollments:**

- Speech & Language- 67
- Occupational Therapy – 28
- Physical Therapy – 7
- Mental Health Therapy- 25
- Orientation and Mobility – 2

Respectfully Submitted,

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