



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

August 19, 2021

The focus of this month's work has been on developing plans for delivering specially designed instruction and related services to student upon their return to school.

Exceptional Children Operations

1. August 12, 2021 Professional Learning for Special Education Staff – Series 1

Concepts - High-Leverage Practices in Special Education & IEP Development Design

- How to identify and prioritize long-and short-term learning goals.
- How to systematically design instruction toward a specific learning goal.
- How to adapt curriculum tasks and materials for specific learning goals.
- How to teach cognitive and metacognitive strategies to support learning and independence.
- How to promote active student engagement.
- How to provide positive and constructive feedback to guide student learning and increase appropriate behavior.
- Explicit Instruction and Researched Based Strategies to improve academic and educational performance.

Child Find and Due Process Timelines.

- Special Education Due Process Policy and Procedures
- Procedures and Protocols for virtual or in-person delivery of specially designed instruction

2. Met with contracted related service providers to develop schedule for specific student services. Student Caseloads and Related Services Schedule has been developed for the following:

- ✓ Occupational Therapy,
 - ✓ Physical Therapy,
 - ✓ Speech and Language Therapy,
 - ✓ Mental Health Therapy, and
 - ✓ Orientation and Mobility Service
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3. Strategic Planning w/District Mental Health Clinicians (Jackie Scruggs, Tabetha Marsh, and Brandy Mains). Determined caseloads per school; and developed programming goals for 21-22 SY. The additional mental health clinician added this year affords clinicians the time to add parent group sessions. Four (4) parent group sessions are planned for the school year (Oct. Dec. Feb. and May). An overview of parent group programming will be presented at September board meeting.

4. Met with student caseload managers to review student caseloads and prepare/plan for new students enrolling to the district. We have 25 students w/special needs enroll to the district this month.

As of 8/19/2021 Exceptional Children Programming Rates:

- **Special Education Services** – 201 Students
- **504 Programming Rates** – 17 Students

Related Service Enrollments:

- Speech & Language- 50
- Occupational Therapy – 28
- Physical Therapy – 2
- Mental Health Therapy- 12
- Orientation and Mobility – 2

Alternate Service Location Enrollments:

- Phoenix Program – 2 Students
- Challenge Program – 1 Student
- Home/Private School Students – 0
- Newport School of Innovation- 2 Students

As of 8/19/2021 District Mental Health Clinician Programming Rates:

- Newport Primary – 9 Students
- Newport Intermediate – 14 Students
- Newport High School – 9 Students

Respectfully Submitted,

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