

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUDITING SERVICES WEST ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Presented by:

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Educational Information and Resource Center



Educational Information and Resource Center (EIRC)

- ▣ 48 years of service to the educational community of New Jersey serving all 21 counties
- ▣ LEA Status – No state funding
- ▣ Professional development workshops, seminars, and conferences for teachers and administrators
- ▣ Customized on-site training of teachers and administrators
- ▣ Program Evaluation/ Auditing Services
- ▣ Partnerships with NJSBA, NJASA, NJASBO, NJPSA, NJEA
- ▣ Placement of Interim Administrators



Description of Special Education Audit Services

- ▣ EIRC will assign 2 Consultants to conduct the audit
- ▣ The audit will begin in March and conclude in June
- ▣ A review of special education records and documents, including dates of initial referrals and re-evaluations
- ▣ A review of special education program design, curriculum, offerings, and program delivery with an emphasis on continuity of services across district schools
- ▣ A review of the district Autistic program
- ▣ A review of special education transition services



Description of Special Education Audit Services – continued

- ▣ A review of district facilities dedicated to the provision of special education services
- ▣ A review of the effectiveness of the co-teaching model being implemented across in-class support classrooms
- ▣ A review of special education student performance data
- ▣ An evaluation of home instruction services, supplemental instruction services, and special education transportation
- ▣ A review of related services
- ▣ A review of teacher, CST and support staff professional development activities and needs

Description of Special Education Audit Services – continued

- ▣ A review of special education technology services and software, including the implementation of IEP goals and objectives on a quarterly basis
- ▣ A review of district procedures to ensure non-discriminatory identification and evaluation
- ▣ A review of out-of-district placement data, including the feasibility of returning students to in-district programs
- ▣ A review of the district special education Master Scheduling process
- ▣ A review of teacher, CST and paraprofessional staffing patterns

Description of Special Education Audit Services – continued

- ❑ A review of any due process petitions and complaint investigations over the past 36 months
- ❑ A review of special education enrollment trends
- ❑ A review of the special education budget
- ❑ An review of special education instruction using walkthroughs
- ❑ Conduct forums with special education teachers and administrators, CST members, guidance counselors, related services staff, and parents in both English and Spanish
- ❑ Compilation of findings, development of recommendations, and presentation to the BOE/other audiences TBD

Consultants Assigned to Project

Joan Ruberton:

- ❑ District Supervisor of Student Services, Harrison Township School District -15 years
- ❑ Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant, Winslow Township School District – 17 years
- ❑ LDTC/Special Education Teacher, Mullica Township School District – 8 years
- ❑ Training Consultant and Partner, Inclusion Works
- ❑ Educational Consultant at EIRC

Consultants Assigned to Project – continued

John Ragan:

- ❑ District Supervisor of Special Education, Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District – 6 years
- ❑ Supervisor of Special Education/Vice Principal, Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District – 8 years
- ❑ Principal, YALE School for Children w/Special Needs – 4 years
- ❑ Supervisor of Professional Residential Services, Woodbine Developmental Center – 11 years
- ❑ Educational Consultant at EIRC



EIRC Special Education Audit Project Oversight

Dr. Steven Ciccariello:

- ▣ Educational Specialist, EIRC – 3 years
- ▣ Superintendent, Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District – 4 years
- ▣ Assistant Superintendent, GEHR School District – 7 years
- ▣ Principal, GEHR School District – 3 years
- ▣ Vice Principal, GEHR School District - 8 years
- ▣ Educational Program Specialist, New Jersey Department of Education – 3 years



Special Education Audit Fee Proposal

- ▣ 22 Consultant Work Days
- ▣ Preparation of a written report of audit findings with recommendations
- ▣ Presentation to the Board of Education/other audiences to be determined

Total: \$22,000.00



Questions

