

Intradistrict Communication

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TO: All Principals
All Special Education Staff

FROM: Dr. Anthony Godfrey, Associate Superintendent
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SUBJECT: A.S.P.E.N. Training for all Special Education Staff 2018-2019

A.S.P.E.N. training will be required for all licensed special education teachers, SLPs, school psychologists, elementary school counselors, and for all instructional assistants in SEB and Autism self-contained support classrooms during the 2018-2019 school year. A.S.P.E.N. is a positive, preventative, and proactive approach to managing aggressive student behavior. This program provides similar training to the Mandt System, but is less time consuming and more applicable in most school settings. If you have more than one teacher or instructional assistant that needs to attend, please consider having them attend on separate days in order to maintain adequate coverage in your school. The Special Education Department will cover the costs of substitutes for licensed special education teachers under budget code 1292. Staff should register through JPLS.

Those who participated in A.S.P.E.N. training during the 2017-2018 school year, do not need to take the full course, but should instead plan on taking an ASPEN re-certification class.

Mandt training will continue to be required at Kauri Sue Hamilton and River's Edge School. Staff at these schools will not need to attend A.S.P.E.N. Others wishing to keep their Mandt training current may do so; however, participation is not mandatory and teachers and instructional assistants will not be compensated for their attendance. A Mandt training schedule will be forthcoming.

A.S.P.E.N. training dates and times are attached to this memo.

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