

NORTHWEST SPECIAL EDUCATION REGION

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)

(Serving Foster, Foster/Glocester, Glocester and Scituate School Districts)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ponaganset Middle School

137 Anan Wade Road

No. Scituate, RI 02857

Attendees:

John Magner, Director

Denise Brierley, Assistant Director

Melissa Kimmell, Parent

Heather Clague, Co-Chair

Colleen Brophy, Co-Chair

Beth Sinwell, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

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TOPIC: Benchmarking, Progress Monitoring and Assessments

John discussed the Department of Justice's findings and impact on transitional services in the state.

Heather reviewed the PowerPoint she prepared on screening, progress monitoring and benchmarking. Heather would like to make this information accessible to parents so that they understand the tools that are being used and discussed at meetings.

John mentioned a document that the LAC had been working on several years ago; "How do I get ready for my child's IEP meeting." This could be a tool for parents to prepare for their child's IEP meeting. Melissa mentioned that she would rather have a discussion at the IEP meeting about the information rather than have the document read to her. NWSER will prepare a draft document to share with Colleen, Heather and Melissa at the next meeting.

Parent(s) voiced some interest in developing materials or a system for parents new to special education who might need support or guidance to navigate the "system".

Next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2016, same location - same time.