

Special Services Department

Newsletter for Parents & Families
(Special Education, Health & 504 Services)



March 2017

Special Education Program Review:

Board Linkage Follow-up:

After the "linkage session" in November, we invited families to provide feedback and comments on the Special Services Program Review and Final Action Plan, through January 9. We received very limited feedback and comments during this time. Reflecting on the timing of the open comment period and consulting with our LWPTSA Council Special Needs Group, Parent Advisory Committee, we have decided to extend the public comment period through **Friday, March 31**.

We would like to thank each family who participated in the Board of Directors linkage session. Again, if you have comments about the feedback received from the linkage participants, please email those comments to: PublicComment@lwsd.org by Friday, March 31. The Special Services team will use the information to finalize the implementation of the five-year action plan. You can expect to receive an updated program review final report and action plan at the end of April.

The original "linkage" session webpage information is below. Also below is the original email sent to our parents who have children who receive special education and 504 services, for your reference.

Special Education "Linkage Session"

November 21, 2016

More than 25 parents participated in a "linkage" session on November 21 with the district's Board of Directors. The purpose of the linkage was for the Board of Directors, superintendent and key district staff to meet with parents of students receiving special services to hear feedback on two areas: (1) the Special Services program review final report and action plan and (2) specific ideas and suggestions for how the district can best address the Parent and Family Engagement aspects of the plan.

[Linkage Feedback](#)

[Combined Notes - Nov. 21 Linkage Session](#)

Upcoming LWPTSA Council Special Needs Group Meetings

Date: March 21

Networking Time: 6:30-7 p.m. - Parent networking opportunity. The Associate Directors of Special Education will be in attendance during the networking time and would like to meet and get to know you.

Meeting Time: 7-8:30 p.m. (Update from Special Ed. Speaker will begin right after)

Location: Lake Washington School District Resource Center
16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond (at Redmond Town Center)
Parking in back or on street

Guest Speaker: Carrie Griffin Basas, the Director of the Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) Carrie is a former civil rights and labor law attorney, and a former law professor, specializing in disability rights, criminal justice, and ethics. In 2014, she returned to graduate school to earn an MEd in Education Policy, Organizations, and Leadership from the University of Washington. Carrie identifies passionately with the work of the OEO as a woman with a disability, the mother of a child with disabilities and English language-learning needs, and a first-generation college graduate.

Carrie will discuss the function and the role of the OEO in the education of children receiving special education and/or accommodations.

Save the Date: Mark your calendar for these next upcoming PTSA Special Needs Group Meetings

- April 25 - (Resource Center, Board Room)
 - May 16 - (Resource Center, Board Room)
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NEW! Launching Monthly *Ask an Ombuds Hour*

In March, the Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds is launching a monthly "Ask an Ombuds" hour. Details are attached in the flyer. The first one will be March 14 from noon-1 p.m.

"Ask an Ombuds" hour will take place every second Tuesday of the month from noon-1 p.m. Every third month will be completely in Spanish. The Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds is happy to arrange language access and disability accommodations, with some advance notice through oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov or by dialing their main line a day or two before the event just to make sure that we've coordinated with the language line or secured other assistance.

The Ombuds coordinating this first session would appreciate questions in advance to the oeoinfo email address (oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov), but she can also answer questions live. [Read more](#).



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