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# SPECIAL EDUCATION TODAY

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# *Introducing . . . .*

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## New staff introductions:



We want to introduce Sara Jo Soldovieri, the manager of Inclusive Education Programming at the National Down Syndrome Society. Originally from Wisconsin, she earned her bachelor's degree in inclusive elementary and special education, and masters in inclusive secondary special education from Syracuse University. Her passion for inclusive education comes from her friendship formed with her best friend Cathy, who happens to have Down syndrome, whom she met after her school growing up went to a full inclusion model. She has taught first through fifth grade, making inclusion a reality for all her students. She has since left the classroom and works both nationally and internationally on best inclusive educational practices.



### Contact Information

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*Classified students in grades 9th through 12th, students are in out of district placements, or parentally placed, and special transportation needs.*

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#### Theresa Terry

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#### Alexine Hollocou

*CPSE students and classified students in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade.*

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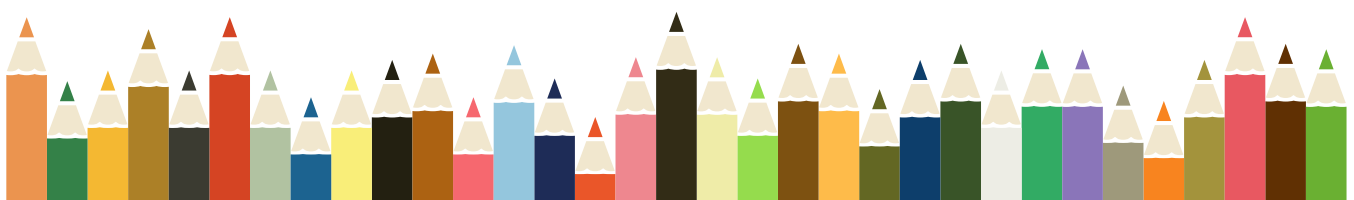
### Annual Reviews

Beginning in February 2018, our annual review season will be in full swing! Once you have received your invitation notice, please let your designated Administrative Assistant (Beth Haberman, Theresa Terry or Alexine Hollocou) know if the scheduled date/time does not work for you.

In an effort to streamline our Reevaluation CSE meetings, we are asking for the providers/evaluators to reach out to the parents/guardians in advance of the CSE meeting to share the report and review the results.

If you have a question and are not sure who to contact, please feel free to connect with us through the following link. This link is also available on our website.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BKeS9kllkGu7HBvenuD2yUuzYle\\_dXDmaExJpreVD9U/edit?ts=59bc1c1a](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BKeS9kllkGu7HBvenuD2yUuzYle_dXDmaExJpreVD9U/edit?ts=59bc1c1a)







Dr. Lauren Katzman

We had the pleasure of having Dr. Lauren Katzman attend our Board of Education meeting on December 3, 2018. We have attached two links from Dr. Katzman's presentation; please feel free to take a look. The special education department is extremely excited to continue to build on the recommendations Dr. Katzman outlined while continuing to ensure that all of our work is focused on improving the whole child.

Copy and video of the presentation are available at:

<https://www.hohschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913703/Centricity/Domain/102/Progrss%20of%20Recommendations.Presentation.REV.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5QsmCXXqe4&feature=youtu.be>

## Important Dates

### Late Start:

- January 11, 2019

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### Community Conversations:

- February 25, 2018 - Hastings High School (6:30pm)
- March 7, 2019 - Farragut Middle School (6:30pm)
- March 21, 2018 - Hillside (6:30pm)

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### SEPTA:

- Annual Review Parent Education Night  
Tuesday, January 22 @ 7pm location TBD
- Trivia Night Fundraiser  
Saturday, February 9 @ 7pm at Southside Club
- New Date for SEPTA Carnival!  
Sunday, June 2 @ 12-3pm at Hillside Elementary

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### Hasting Education Foundation

- Spring fundraising event  
Friday, May 10, 2019



As we reach the half way mark of the year we want to keep everyone up to date with a few important upcoming dates. We hope that everyone has a safe and restful break!

Laura and Tesfa