



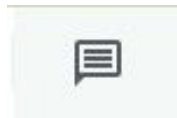
Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

Jan, 03, 2022

Housekeeping

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- Sign in to the meeting using Chat
- Submit questions or comments using the Chat feature
- Let us know if you need support using Zoom features



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**Saint Paul Public Schools
Special Education
Advisory Council**

Welcome & Introductions



Agenda

6:10 p.m. Approve [December minutes](#) - **5 min.**

6:15 p.m. Charting the Life Course - **60 min.**

7:00 p.m. Special Education Update, Brenda Natala, Director Specialized Services - **10 min.**

7:20 p.m. SEAC Forum - **25 min.**

7:50 p.m. Meeting Wrap Up

Guest Tonya Long, Transforming Systems Together

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

8:05 p.m. SEAC Executive

6:10 - 6:15 pm

Approve December minutes



6:15 - 7:15 pm

Charting the Life Course



Charting the LifeCourse

[MN Department of Human Services and Family Voices](#)
[Supporting Families Using Charting the LifeCourse](#)

[Jamie O'Conner shares her families CtLC story](#)



7:15 - 7:25 pm

Specialized Services Update



Office of Specialized Services (OSS)

Marcy Doud, Deputy Chief of Schools

Supervises Schools under Division of Schools

Oversight of Special Education, Wellness, Third Party Billing

Legal, Finance, Dispute Resolution



Brenda Natala, Executive Director of Specialized Services - Interim

Supervise daily operations of Special Education Birth-21



[OSS Organization Link](#) - schools and supervisors



OSS Supervisors



Jennifer Krueger
Supervisor,
Due Process



Larry Wren
Supervisor
K-12 Schools



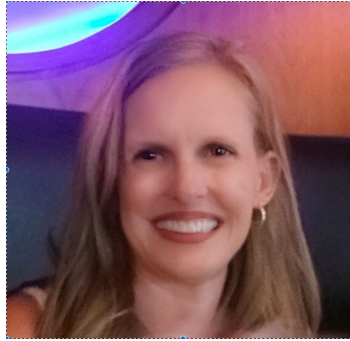
Sarah Zielinski
Supervisor,
ECSE



OSS Supervisors



Chong Thor
Supervisor
K-12 Schools



Amy Johnson
Supervisor
K-12 Schools



Hai Yen Vo
Supervisor
K-12 Schools



Transitions

Marcy Doud - Superintendent ISD 287 beginning 7/1/2022

Heather Kilgore - Office of Family Engagement

New Board of Education Members sworn in 1/4/22

Halla Henderson

Uriah Ward



Special Education Recovery Service

Special Education Recovery Services

Have you had an IEP meeting yet to talk about Recovery Services?



Current Planning

- Staffing shortages due to COVID
- Summer ESY programs
- Staffing for 2022-2023
- Envision SPPS school mergers, closures, openings
- Assistive Technology Family Nights
- Secondary block scheduling

Envision SPPS program changes, closures, relocations and/or expansions effective SY22-23

Area A:

- L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion (LNFI) lower merges at the LNFI upper campus
- LNFI lower site reopens as early childhood education hub
- Parkway reopens as Hmong Language Immersion and Culture program upper campus (to Phalen Lake lower campus)

Area C:

- J. A. Johnson merges at Bruce Vento

Area D:

- Cherokee Montessori program relocates and merges at J.J. Hill
- Cherokee reopens as a community school
- Riverview community program closes and merges at Cherokee

Area E:

- Galtier merges at Hamline
- Galtier reopens as early childhood education hub

Area F:

- Jackson community merges at Maxfield
- Jackson Hmong Language merges at Phalen Lake



Envision SPPS program changes, closures, relocations and/or expansions

Area F:

- J.J. Hill Montessori relocates to the Obama site once remodeling is complete (either fall 2024 or fall 2025) and reopens as the Barack and Michelle Obama School and will also house a middle school (grades 6-8)

At the start of school year 2025-26:

- Capitol Hill's pathway will be expanded from Highland Park High School to other high schools so that students pathway to their community high schools

Envision SPPS Special Ed. Impacts

Specialized Program Classroom Changes

- John A Johnson closing - ECSE classrooms move to another school or Early Childhood Hub
- Parkway closing - ASD and EBD programs move to another middle school
- Students at all impacted schools with less intense services (Fed 1 or 2) included in transition planning
- Obama Elementary (fall 2023) - EBD program move to another school

Envision Impacts

How do we consider the needs of families with children in special education who may need to transition to new buildings next year due to Envision SPPS?

The Office of Specialized Services is collaborating with Office of Family Engagement and Student Placement Center to guide families through the process.



Special Education Staffing

Special Education Teachers

Monitoring caseloads

Substitute teacher shortages -

special education coaches often subbing

Recruiting Paraprofessionals -- [TA Interest Form](#)



Hmong Autism Survey - U of M

<https://z.umn.edu/HmongAutismSurvey>

IRB Approved: STUDY00014063

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**PAB PEB TOTAUB TXOG NIAM THIAB TXIV HMOOB KEV
XAV TXOG AUTISM THIAB TXOJ KEV KUAJ AUTISM**

Koj puas yog:

- 1 Hmoob
- 2 18+ xyoo
- 3 Nyob hauv U.S.
- 4 Leej niam/leej txiv ntawm ib tug me nyuam muaj autism

Mus rau daim survey

1. Thajj duab qhov QR code
2. Mus rau qhov link hauv qab:



<https://z.umn.edu/HmongAutism>

Teb Peb Daim Survey

Txais \$10 thaum koj teb tag daim survey
Yog muaj lus nug, tiv tauj Pang Chaxiong: xion0504@umn.edu

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Research Opportunity from the University of Minnesota
**HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT HMONG PARENTS THINK
ABOUT AUTISM AND THE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS**

Are you:

- 1 Hmong
- 2 18+ years of age
- 3 Currently living in the U.S.
- 4 A parent of a child with autism

Go to our survey:

1. Take a picture of the QR code
2. Go to the link below:



<https://z.umn.edu/HmongAutism>

Take Our Survey

Receive \$10 for completing the survey
Contact Pang Chaxiong for questions: xion0504@umn.edu

Problem Prevention/Problem Solving

Get to know your child's team.....

- Principal and/or Assistant Principal
- Classroom teachers
- Your child's IEP Manager
- Special Education Supervisor



7:25 - 7:50 pm

SEAC Forum- Discussion & Information Sharing

For the expression of concerns and recommendations pertaining to the education of students with disabilities in SPPS.

SEAC members strive to discuss & advise on issues of broad importance to SPPS as a whole.

Personal stories & reflection can be used to inform the group's understanding of broad issues.

Perspectives and confidentiality will be respected.

Members are encouraged to bring forth concerns & recommendations without fear of reprisal.



Message from Superintendent Gothard- I'm Listening

I have heard that SPPS leadership doesn't listen. We don't know what staff want, what students need, or how best to serve our community. I take this feedback to heart, and as we move through our current challenges and onto the next,



A small white rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Gothard".

I want to hear your ideas and your solutions for better serving our community and making our schools the best they can be for our students and families.

- How do we improve student outcomes?
- School climate?
- Staff satisfaction?
- How do we stabilize or even increase enrollment?
- What should we stop doing, and what should we do more of?

7:50 - 8:00 pm

Meeting Wrap Up

- Announcements, events or resources to share
- Tip to share on SEAC Facebook Group?



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**Next SEAC meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022**



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