

Welcome
to SAGE



SAGE

Special and Gifted Education

Partnering with parents and the Owen J. Roberts School District to support, respect, and include all learners.

We keep parents informed through ParentSquare, newsletters, and our OJRSD website.



Tonight's Agenda

INTRODUCTION

What's SAGE?

OJRSD Mission, Vision,
and Values

SAGE Mission

DISTRICT SERVICES

What & Who is Pupil
Services?

Supervisors and IEP
Facilitators

SAGE Schedule for the
Year

Let's Hear from You

This is Jeopardy

Q & A

Our Mission

"To inspire every person in the OJR learning community to think critically, act compassionately, and achieve success within a culture of access, dignity, and belonging for all."

Our Vision

"We will be a learning community that embraces a growth mindset, engages in continuous innovation, celebrates each person's uniqueness, and creates a culture of belonging for all."

Our Values

- *Students First*
- *Authentic Relationships*
- *Belonging & Kindness*
- *Collaborative Approaches*
- *Multiple Perspectives*
- *Continuous Growth and Innovation*

SAGE Mission

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Our Mission Purpose

The mission of SAGE is to promote the understanding, respect, support, and inclusion of all neurodiverse children in the OJR community's special education and gifted education programs.



Our Mission Approach

Through celebration and acknowledgment of each child's unique abilities and individual progress, we strive to foster an environment that values and respects their diverse journeys.

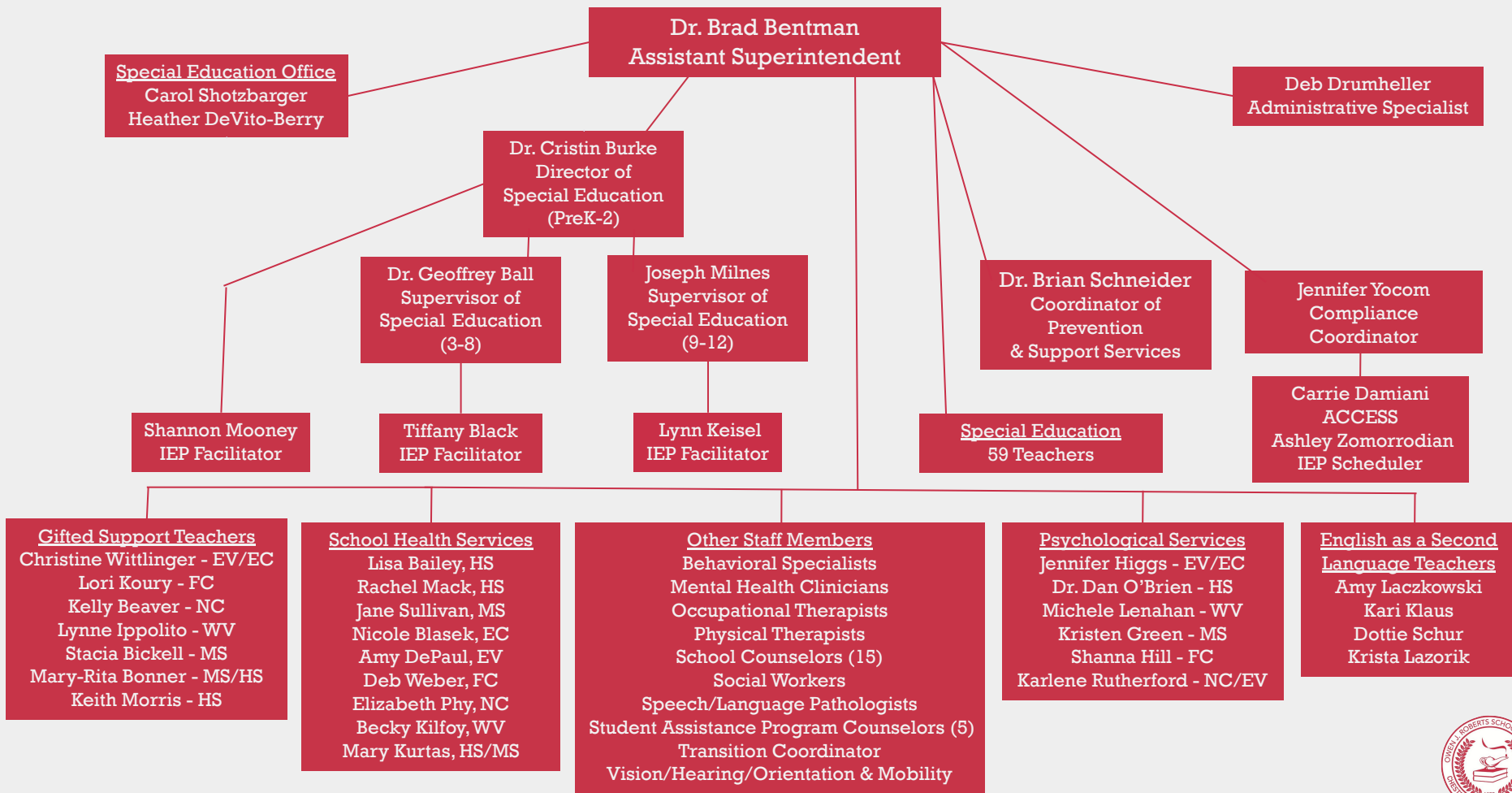
We are a district- and parent-led collaborative, partnering together to support students and families.



Our Mission Focus

The goal of SAGE is to look at "systemic issues" – that is, challenges and opportunities that affect larger groups of students to create lasting positive outcomes.

Department of Student Services Organizational Chart



Special Education Director & Supervisors



Dr. Cristin Burke

Director of Special Education

Leadership and oversight of K-12 special and gifted education and related services; leadership and management of PreK-2 special and gifted education services; supervision in the development, delivery, and improvement of support programs; K-6 life skills & autistic support programming; inclusive alignment of regular and special education curriculum, instruction, and resources.



Dr. Geoff Ball

3-8 Special Education Supervisor

Leadership and supervision of the complete operations in assigned grade levels of special and gifted education services; supervision in the development, delivery, and improvement of support programs; the elementary to middle school transition process.



Mr. Joe Milnes

9-12 Special Education Supervisor

Leadership and supervision of the complete operations in assigned grade levels of special and gifted education services; supervision in the development, delivery, and improvement of support programs; 7-12 life skills & autistic support programming; middle to high school transition process; high school to post-secondary transition, K-12 chapter 15/504 process.

IEP Facilitators



Shannon Mooney

PreK-4 IEP Facilitator

Leadership and management support of PreK-2 special and gifted education services; K-6 speech and language, K-6 life skills & autistic support programming; collaborates with and supports students, families, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators; coordinates elementary school ESY programming



Tiffany Black

3-8 Special Education Supervisor

Leadership and management support of 3-8 special and gifted education services; collaborates with and supports students, families, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators; coordinates middle school ESY programming



Lynn Keisel

9-12 IEP Facilitator

Leadership and management support of 9-12 special and gifted education services; collaborates with and supports students, families, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators; coordinates high school ESY programming.

SAGE Schedule 2026-2027

- SAGE Kickoff Meeting - September 24, 2026
- Supporting your Child's Speech and Language at Home - TBD
- GIEP 10, November 19, 2026
- IEP 101, January 21, 2026
- Digital Citizenship Part II, February 18, 2026
- Course Options at the HS and Post-Secondary Transition Process, March 18, 2026
- Fun Event & Recap of the Year, TBD

Introducing Parent Pods

What are Parent Pods?

Small, parent-led groups that bring together families navigating similar experiences.

The Goal:

- Connect
- Share
- Support
- Build Community

What to Expect:

- Informal, meaningful conversations
- No presentations or formal agendas
- A space to exchange experiences, ideas, and resources
- Connections with parents who understand

What's Next?

Fill out the Google Form to let us know which Parent Pod(s) you're interested in, and we'll help connect you with other families who share similar experiences.

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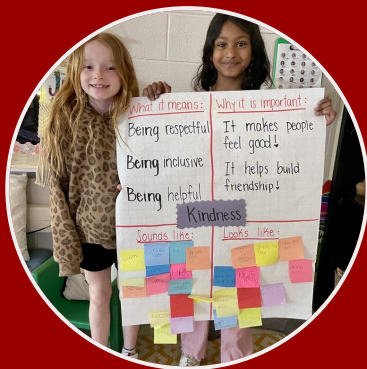
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SAGE Jeopardy



Questions?

Thank



you for



Coming

