

## **Region IV MCASE Meeting**

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
Santa Fe Reds: 1235 N. 7th Ave. Bozeman 59715

### **AGENDA:**

#### **1. Shared region training potential: AIM/Infinite Campus for system administrators (District and Montana Edition), Goalbook: UDL and Standards aligned IEPs, Statewide testing Accessibility. - Michelle**

Michelle asked the group if there were common needs for training in our region. This year our system administrators have really struggled with the AIM/Infinite Campus updates especially those in the smallest schools using the Montana Edition. Sean Maharg indicated that Mary Anne Skinner at Southwest Montana School Services would be someone to ask about a regional training. System administrator training would be the first need with possibly a follow up training for a smaller group that could be a "Train the Trainer" format.

There is an OPI training in Bozeman on Meaningful Participation in Statewide Assessments at the C'Mon Inn on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In talking about AIM/Infinite Campus and struggles, the group talked about getting electronic records released and uploaded correctly. This led to the comment that MTSBA is recommending to maintain original records at the district and send certified copies only of essential documents. In addition, there was a comment that Protocols from testing should not be included in the file, but only a copy of the first page with scores. Then follow the destruction notice and policy.

The group discussed having Bea and MTSBA representative meet with Region IV at the November Meeting to discuss these concerns.

Following the meeting, Michelle connected with with Dale Kimmett from OPI with this question:

- "We are to continue to send original special ed records on to requesting schools, just like the general education records, right? I understand the need to upload signature pages or move to an electronic signature, but I can't believe we would not send originals at this point. Can you clarify?"
- Dale's reply: "Yes, that is our recommendation to send the original file to the next school district when a student transfers. I know that the MTSBA has recommended sending only copies so some districts have been doing

that. The uploading, at least in my eyes, is a back-up to the original hard-copy file.”

## **2. New Special Ed Teacher: Mentoring and Support Group – Michelle**

Michelle asked the group if there would be an interest in a regional special ed teacher “support/mentoring” group.

Sean shared that Helena has a strong mentoring for new teachers program: 12 hour professional development for new teachers not specific to special education for a full year.

Orientation to Special Education for paraeducators is offered on the Teacher Learning Hub through OPI. Jenny is facilitating this course.

Utilizing PASS for paraeducator highly qualified certification was also discussed.

Incentives of \$300 gift cards have been offered by some directors to complete online courses, such as, the Autism credits through Doug Doty.

## **3. Dyslexia: Screeners, Interpretation of outcomes, and curriculum within MTSS/RTI and Special Education Eligible**

Some Cooperatives are completing screeners K-2 to cover Child Find responsibilities.

Again, the team discussed the need to get MTSBA and Bea together to talk about impact of new law and Special Education role and responsibility.

## **4. Speech/Language criteria checklist.- All three boxes, especially 3<sup>rd</sup> that reflects impact of disability; Region IV consensus is to dismiss if low educational impact (e.g. ASHA-feedback request).**

## **5. RBTs in the schools:**

It was discussed if a BCBA could supervise RBT and bill; however, it was noted that only one can bill at a time. Consensus was NO from the group.

Members discussed the need of a memorandum of understanding with outside agencies on the use of RBTs in the school setting (i.e. Peach Tree and Pediatric Therapies)

Members discussed that it is necessary that Districts prove that school staff can provide the same services as an RBT.

Chad Berg is having discussions with all agencies regarding BCBA and RBT services within the schools.

**6. Next Meeting:**

November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM  
Belgrade Administrative Offices  
312 N. Weaver St.  
Belgrade, MT 59714