



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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with hand, thumbs up for O.K.). The skill level of the student will determine how they demonstrate MyWay.

5. Update on Speech and Language/Psychological Services – Dr. M. Crundwell

Psychological Services staff continue to run and offer all services that were offered in previous years. Staff work on a two-week schedule. One week in school with students (attending only two schools per week) and consultation with staff. The second week is used for virtual consultations, preparing for assessments, sending out questionnaires, and doing feedback. We currently have 153 as

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Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Funding for 2020

- The Special Incidence Portion (SIP) is one of the six allocations that make up the Special Education Grant, which is part of the Grants for Student Needs. SIP is intended to support students with extraordinarily high needs who require more than two full-time staff to address their health and/or safety needs, and those of others at their school.
- In previous years, the SIP allocation has been based on claims submitted by school boards. For the 2020-2021 school year, regulatory amendments to Ontario Regulation 489/20 will not allocate 2020-2021 SIP funding through a temporary formula-based mechanism rather than through the existing claims process.
- These amendments will provide school boards with a 2020-2021 starting SIP allocation based on the highest amount of either:
  - ¾ Their 2019-2020 SIP funding allocation
  - ¾ An average of the previous three years (2016-2017 to 2018-2019)
- A growth rate of 5% will also be applied to the 2020-2021 starting allocation of each board. Boards that have challenges managing within their allocations should work with their regional offices to ensure that eligible students receive appropriate supports.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Association Reports

B. Turner, Home and School Instruction – has been meeting virtually and keeping in touch to help support schools where they can.

J. Matte-Gasparovic, Autism Ontario – Livia Congi will be stepping down as the alternate for Autism Ontario and Tim McCarthy will be taking her place.

M. Vukov, Community Living Windsor-Essex County

Community Living Essex County

Fundraisers: Holiday Raffle – in lieu of our Annual Gift Wrapping Booth at the Devonshire Mall, we are holding a Holiday Raffle. Prizes include a Hot Tub Spa, \$5,000 cash, 55” Samsung TV and an Early Bird Prize is a BBQ. Tickets will be sold beginning at 9 am on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 and close on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please visit

<https://communitylivingessex.org/get-involved/holiday-raffle/> for details.

Partnerships with Community Living Ontario

The *Together, We're Better* contest is an annual contest inviting individual students to submit a story/poem or a class to submit a video expressing why class is better because students who have an intellectual/developmental disability are included and everyone is learning together. The intent is to have students and classes to begin thinking about inclusion and start a conversation about how a diverse class offers a better educational experience for all students. The contest is for Elementary school students (kindergarten to grade 8) who live in Ontario (whether you are learning in a class or in a virtual classroom). The deadline to submit is Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 2021. Winners will be announced on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021. For more information and to see past winners, please click on the link provided below.

<https://communitylivingontario.ca/en/initiatives/together-were-better-contest/>

**Career Compass – Employment Services**

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Started piloting pre-employment course virtually with one high school, we've been in touch with S. Vickers, Education Coordinator, and are hoping to look at planning something with Western S.S., Leamington S.S. and Belle River S.S. in the new year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Aimee Omstead, Chairperson

Mike Wilcox, Administrative Liaison