Transition to School-Age Services in the Owen J. Roberts School District

Cristin Burke-
Supervisor of Special Education EC, EV, FC, WV

Geoff Ball –
Supervisor of Special Education NC, Middle School

Dana Emery-
Elementary IEP Facilitator
Objectives

Purpose

- Create a cohesive bridge between Pre-school Special Education Services and School-Age Services to ensure a smooth transition for each child
- Develop relationships with school district personnel to foster open lines of communication
- Provide a structure and timeline for the months leading up to the first day of Kindergarten
Agenda

- Overview of Supports and Services
- Transition Process Review
- Transition Meeting – What to Expect
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Contact Information
Overview of District Programs

- 5 Elementary Centers: West Vincent, East Vincent, East Coventry, North Coventry, French Creek
- Students of all ability levels are educated in their home buildings to the greatest extent possible.
  - Itinerant and Supplemental Levels of Learning Support
- Provide related services: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Hearing Support, Vision Support, etc.
East Vincent
Focused Programming

- For students who may need a more intensive level of support, IEP teams may recommend placement in another school building in the District that offers those services:
  - French Creek – Autistic Support, Life Skills Support
  - East Coventry – Emotional Support
  - West Vincent – Autistic Support
French Creek
Transition Process

- Fall 2018 - *Get to know OJR*
  - Attend Parent Night
  - Discuss with Pre-school Special Education supports what might be needed in Kindergarten
  - Sign release of records to allow district access to documents.
  - Monitor District communication and website regarding registering for 2019 Kindergarten.
North Coventry
Transition Process

- Winter 2019 – *Get to know your child*
  - Participate in one Transition Meeting with district personnel
    - Thursday, January 17th
    - Thursday, January 31st
    - Thursday, February 14th
    - Thursday, February 28th
  - Complete and return permission to Re-evaluate in a timely manner.
  - Provide any additional information or completed rating scales as needed on your child
West Vincent
Transition Process

- Spring/Summer 2019 – *Learn what programming your child will have*
  - If not Re-evaluated (Speech and Language Only) –
    - Review and sign Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (Provided by OJR) based on current Pre-school IEP
  - If Re-evaluated
    - District team will issue report determining if student is still in need of special education services.
    - If found exceptional, meet with the building team to determine current needs and programming recommendations.
The Transition Meeting

- **Who:** District Transition Team and IU Liaison
  - Psychologist, Supervisor of Special Education, IEP Facilitator and a Speech Therapist
- **Where:** District Administration Building
  - 901 Ridge Rd, Pottstown, PA
- **When:** Select Dates in January/February 2019
  - 9 AM – 3 PM – Sign up with CCIU Liaison
- **Agenda:**
  - Share highlights of your child and review current documents.
  - CCIU will share the EI evaluation report and the IEP with the district.
  - Discuss the next steps in the process.
FAQ’s

- Kindergarten Registration
  - Check District website for elementary school attendance areas [http://ojrsd.com/domain/25](http://ojrsd.com/domain/25)
  - Register for Kindergarten online starting February 1st [http://ojrsd.com/domain/930](http://ojrsd.com/domain/930)
- District Special Education Information
  - [http://ojrsd.com/Page/1288](http://ojrsd.com/Page/1288)
District Contact Information:

- **Elementary Supervisors of Special Ed**
  - Cristin Burke (FC, EC, EV, & WV) [cburke@ojrsd.com](mailto:cburke@ojrsd.com)
  - Geoff Ball (NC) [gball@ojrsd.com](mailto:gball@ojrsd.com)

- **Elementary IEP Facilitator**
  - Dana Emery (FC, EV, EC, NC & WV) [demery@ojrsd.com](mailto:demery@ojrsd.com)

- **Special Education Office Staff**
  - Linda Swavely [lswavely@ojrsd.com](mailto:lswavely@ojrsd.com)
  - Karen Finkbiner [kfinkbiner@ojrsd.com](mailto:kfinkbiner@ojrsd.com)

- **Office Location:**
  - 981 Ridge Rd. Pottstown, PA
Questions