



**CORNING-PAINTED POST  
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Students are the center of all we do.

Jennifer Batzing, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Dear Parent and/or Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school district this year. Additionally, I ask that you take a few minutes to participate in the survey that is explained on the second page of the letter.

It is wonderful to end the year with some highlights and spotlights on how we worked to **develop pride in Pupil Personnel Services while maintaining students at the center of our collaborative work.**

Thank you to the many partners who provided several professional learning opportunities for our staff this year. Professional learning and collaboration helps to support staff in meeting the needs of our students.

***Collaborative partners included:***

- Kay Allen, C-PP Parent, for sharing her knowledge and providing professional learning opportunities
- Clinical Associates for offering professional learning to our staff. Ex: "Mindfulness in the Classroom"
- Pathways Inc. for professional learning opportunities
- Starbridge
- Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Golisano Children's Hospital
- Additional community partners included: Office for People With Developmental Disabilities; GST BOCES and Steuben Council on Addictions

***Additional examples of teamwork, collaboration and relationship building included:***

- Planning and collaboration across levels. Ex: Elementary to Middle to High School
- Increased transition activities from Pre-School-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Ex: student, family and staff visitations
- Increase in transition staff participation at CSE meetings
- Sharing methods for communicating with their parents
- Increase in parent participation at CSE meetings from 63% in attendance to 74% in attendance
- #PPSPRIDE Spirit Wear sales for our staff this school year, a symbol for our teamwork and collaboration
- Engagement in professional book studies
- Updated website <http://www.corningareaschools.com/pps/>
- Engagement in a Comprehensive Study of Pupil Personnel Services for the purpose of goal setting and establishing a Special Education plan for the District.



As previously communicated in March 2017 and mentioned above, the district is under contract with **Educational & Management Services Inc.** to conduct an evaluation of our special education programs and services. A written report will be available to the public this summer. An oral report will also be presented at a Board of Education meeting.

Two consultants from the above company visited our schools and held a **Parent Night** on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those of you who were able to join the consultants and share your comments and experiences.

As follow-up and next steps for this study, we are seeking feedback from parents of students with disabilities and directly from students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade identified as having a disability.

- During the final weeks of June, the **student survey**, which consists of 11 questions, will be provided to the students by their Special Education teacher.
- Feedback and input will be gathered in the form of a **parent survey**. Below is the link to survey. **Parent Survey link:** <https://goo.gl/forms/UXroJH9zdCxqNhPM2>
- This survey link above is also easily accessible at [www.corningareaschools.com](http://www.corningareaschools.com)

If you would prefer to have a hard copy of the survey mailed to you, please contact our office at 607-936-3704 ext. 1017 and we will mail you a paper copy.

Thank you again for your participation and feedback. We look forward to utilizing the results for growth and improvement in 2017-2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 607-936-3704 ext. 1017.

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