

## OSS Updates - 9/11/2020

Dear OSS Families,

We are excited to start the new school year with you and your child(ren)! These past two weeks, our educators have participated in multiple professional learning sessions, engaged in teacher collaboration and professional learning communities, and facilitated the first of many family conferences. We believe that teaching and learning will reach new heights this year as a result of this strong beginning!

Here are some of the professional learning sessions provided to our staff:

- 2 Day Dyslexia Training for General and OSS Special Educators in Grades K-1, Interventionists, Literacy Coaches, and Early Literacy Interventionists
- Facilitating OSS Family Conferences for Case Managers
- Maximizing Remote Instruction to Support Struggling Readers for OSS Special Educators
- Cultivating Online Inclusive Classrooms
- Reading Mastery/Corrective Reading Refresher
- Social Emotional Workshop for Paraprofessionals
- Supporting Students with a 504

### Town Hall

We also want to thank you for joining us in our monthly Town Hall meeting held yesterday, Thursday, September 10, 2020. We have attached the slide deck from yesterday's meeting (with the revisions). We will send the written questions with answers in next week's communication. The next Town Hall meeting will be held in October prior to the start of in-person learning.

### Family Conferences Reminders

- OSS Family Conferences are still being scheduled. You will hear from your case manager soon. Family conferences will continue through the end of next week.
- You will have an opportunity to share your child's experience with remote learning in the spring and summer
- You will see a **working draft** of the remote learning plan. A final copy with written notification will be sent to you 7-10 days after the meeting via Aspen or physical mail.

### Case Managers

- If you have a child in Special Start, and you have not received any communication from your child's case manager, please contact Elizabeth Rollins, Lead Teacher for

Special Start at [erollins@cpsd.us](mailto:erollins@cpsd.us) or Heather Francis, Lead Teacher for Special Start at [hfrancis@cpsd.us](mailto:hfrancis@cpsd.us).

- If you have a child in grades K-Post Grad, and you have not received any communication from your child's case manager, please contact your school's team chairperson. If you need the name or email address of your school's team chairperson, please visit the [Office of Student Services Directory](#) page.

### **Out of District Transportation**

- The Office of Student Services needs to hear from both the family and the school before setting up transportation. If you have not done so, please email our Student Services Specialist, Janet, at [jsnedeker@cpsd.us](mailto:jsnedeker@cpsd.us). It will take *at least* three days for transportation to begin.

### **Chromebook Device/Hotspot**

- If your child's chromebook is not functioning properly, please email [helpdesk@cpsd.us](mailto:helpdesk@cpsd.us).
- If your child needs a chromebook or hotspot, please inform your child's case manager at the conference. All requests for devices will go through the school administration of Family Liaisons.

In Partnership,

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