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To: Superintendent Regulbuto, School Committee Members, and the SBRSD School Community
From: Sandi Hubbard, Director of Student Services
Re: September 13, 2018 Director's Report for School Committee Meeting

Hello!

I want to take the opportunity to thank the faculty, staff, and families for working together in support of our students as we transitioned back to school. While there have been a few hiccups to start, the students seem very happy and programs are adapting to new and changing needs. The collaboration, on behalf of our students, is so important to their success!

Our first Special Education Advisory Council Meeting (SEPAC) will be held on October 1, 2018 at 4:30 in the Eagles' Loft. Please note that this is a date change (from September 24th). Childcare and dinner will be provided. This will be our annual parents' rights presentation, which is our only agenda item, with the exception of staff and parent introductions. Please join us!

Last month, I shared that we received our draft report for our DESE-led Coordinated Program Review. We recently received our final report and I am pleased to report that Southern Berkshire Regional School District received commendation for no findings in Special Education and English Language Education! I must (again) thank Christine Martin, ESL teacher and ELE Coordinator, and the entire special education department for their diligence and tireless efforts to ensure we maintain optimal compliance in these areas! The district is addressing five areas in the Civil Rights portion of the report, which are related to student handbook language and curriculum evaluation and review. We are just beginning the response process and will share more information as the action plan comes together.

We are participating in the Title III consortium with 17 other school districts again this year. The Collaborative for Educational Services in Northampton administers this grant, which support our English Language Learners. This summer, we used funds to provide tutoring support to some or our students. It is a great opportunity to work with districts in our area and access shared supports, including professional development. This summer, several of our teachers were able to attend a training in strategies for working with English Language Learners in the classroom. This training served to meet the requirements for recertification, in some cases!

As always, thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi