



SPECIAL SERVICES
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Dear Westfield Parents of Special Education students,

On November 2, 2020, PHASE 3 began and students in grades 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 returned to school in the hybrid model. Our special education staff are thrilled and excited to have students in the buildings, while giving them the opportunity for inclusive time with their grade level peers/cohorts

Special education services, including specialized instruction and related services, are being provided according to students' IEPs in an in-person and/or remote format. Paraprofessionals continue to work remotely and in-person with students in small groups or individually as directed by the classroom teacher. Communication should be directed to the classroom teacher.

IEP Team meetings will continue to be held via Google Meet. Special education testing is being administered to students during hybrid weeks and/or by appointment. Ongoing communication and collaboration with related services, school psychologists, special education teachers, and paraprofessionals continues in order to provide a comprehensive service delivery model.

Our special education administrative team has undergone a change at the High School level. Darlene Fernandez has been hired as the High School Level Special Education Supervisor. Darlene has worked in our district for many years, most currently as an Evaluation Team Leader. Her experience in Westfield and knowledge in special education will be a great asset to our team.

The next SEPAC meeting will be held on December 3rd at 6:30 pm: [Zoom Meeting ID: 527 108 1333](#)
[Passcode: 3uht0R](#). The topic will be "Holiday Check-in with Families".

As always, I continue to thank you for all of your support you have given to the special education department and to the Westfield Public School district.

Sincerely,

Deb Ecker