

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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National Accreditation and Student Certifications

For your information, we have updated a chart detailing our programs with national accreditation and/or student certifications. This chart has been posted in the Supplemental Information link.

PAVA Conference

We attended the PAVA Conference in Hershey from March 2nd-3rd. We had the opportunity to hear our new Secretary of Education, Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, speak about Governor Rendell's new initiatives for education. A variety of workshops were available. Our own Professional Skills instructor, Mrs. Sandra Carr, presented a workshop outlining her successful program. It was "standing room only" and very well received.

Special Education

Meetings are being held during the month of March to discuss preliminary transition plans for our juniors with special needs. Participants include: An Intermediate Unit Special Education Supervisor; a sending school special education teacher and guidance counselor; a representative from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and a representative from a local service agency, when appropriate.

Pat attended the PAVESNP Mid-Winter Conference "The Power of Focus: Academic Improvement for Success." The conference was held in Hershey from March 4th - 6th. At the conference ideas and programs were introduced to help assist special populations students in obtaining the academic skills needed to cope in their career and technical program.

Jan and Pat attended a regional Instructional Support Conference held at Slippery Rock University on March 14th. We were able to participate in four workshops that were of value. The keynote speaker, Dr Tim Knoster, emphasized the application of positive behavior support in the classroom and the need to customize how we teach and support our special needs learners.