

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Special Education

Pat and Jan attended the PACTSNP conference from February 28- March 1, 2009 held in Hershey, PA. The executive summary, "Breaking Ranks II: Strategies for Leading High School Reform" was shared. One key topic covered was Response to Intervention (RTI). The RTI model is being used across the nation and has been adopted by PDE to support high school reform. We have begun using this model to plan and illustrate the math and reading supports used in our literacy and numeracy efforts at ECTS.

NOCTI

As we near NOCTI testing time in April, we have provided Patty Palo, our guidance counselor, with the IEP mandated accommodations for testing as they apply to each of our students with special needs. Examples of accommodations include: extended testing time, multiple test sessions, and reading or clarification of directions.

Literacy

Several members of our literacy team attended the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) Literacy Training held on March 19-20, 2009 in State College, PA. The focus of this training was to share some of the best practices for literacy support across the state.

Professional Development

Jan accompanied two of our teachers, Danielle Wilber (ADS) and Don Hofmeister (EET) as we visited instructors in similar programs at Crawford County Career and Technical Center in Meadville, PA on February 27, 2009. This day provided valuable networking opportunities for both of our teachers that will continue into the future.