

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report October 2008

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Special Education

Jan and Pat have been attending many IEP meetings for our students this fall and are providing our instructors with updates to mandated student accommodations. October is traditionally a busy month for attending IEPs.

Jan met with a sales representative from Education Associates, a company that develops basic skills training curriculum materials. Samples are being reviewed for possible use in the new Transition Center.

Literacy

A half-time reading coach has been hired- Robin Grimes. She has been working with teachers on various ways to increase students' reading proficiency- NIE, MAX teaching strategies, and benchmark testing of our juniors to identify students who would benefit from the use of Study Island program.

Professional Activities

On October 9th, Jan attended a Northwest PA Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) meeting held at the Bessemer Center in Meadville.

Jan is planning a series of workshops for the I.U.5 Tech Prep Consortium that will focus on implementing statewide Programs of Study for Welding, Health, Carpentry and Child Care CTE programs operating in our region.

On October 6-7th, Pat attended the PACTA-PIL Conference on Improving PSSA Achievement held in State College and another session on Review and Analysis of NOCTI Results.

DACUM

A DACUM workshop has been scheduled for the Electrical Engineering Technology program. It will be held November 6-7th at the Courtyard by Marriott. We are in the process of inviting potential panelists and are looking for experienced industry workers and supervisors to volunteer.