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**SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPORT
PREPARED NOVEMBER 22, 2010 FOR DECEMBER 2, 2010
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The entire Special Education Department would like to share their best wishes for the Thanksgiving holiday as well as thank the community and School Board for ongoing support in recognition of the work we do with students.

November 15th-19th was Educational Support Professionals recognition week. Our district support staff is important members of the Bow educational team. Much of the excellent work done on a daily basis with our students is supported by these dedicated individuals. I wish them continued success and thank them for all they accomplish.

Department updates:

- Dr. Julie Bassi, BES School Psychologist, provided a workshop for all support staff on the topic of Collaborative Problem Solving.
- Special Educator Melissa Cook organized and provided a Crisis Prevention Institute re-certification class.
- Numerous teachers/staff have been researching and attending workshops to become more knowledgeable on Executive Function, Aspergers Syndrome and other low-incident areas of disability.
- Catastrophic Aid continues to be an area of concern throughout the state. Our district will suffer from state reimbursement reductions.
- The Special Education Director's office has been notified of changes in the NH Rules of the Education of Students with Disabilities.
- The New Hampshire Special Education System (NHSES) requires the special education department to collect additional data for the state reporting.
- Training and implementation of a new electronic Medicaid reporting process has begun.
- Teacher representatives from BES and BMS will be attending informational sessions, coordinated by Community Bridges, services and transitions.

I would just like to remind the community that we have a small lending library on special education topics in my office that you are welcome to access.

Respectfully submitted,

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