



## **HANOVER SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

10:00 AM

Via Zoom

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### **District update From the Director of Student Services, Kaitlin Morelli**

- DESE Tiered Focused Monitoring Update
  - Review of dates and process of the review:
    - Spring/Summer 2023- district completed a self-assessment with corresponding evidence
    - September/Oct 2023 DESE sent surveys to parents: resulting in 60 returned surveys (16% from HS, 20%- grades 6-8, 55%- grades K-5)
    - Press release sent out by district
    - Oct 4th, 2023- Parent Orientation with DESE
    - Nov 1st, 2023- DESE interview with SEPAC Chair
    - Nov 14th- Site visits
    - Nov 15th-16th- Staff interviews
  - Final report will be available in the next few weeks
- New IEP format to begin 24/25 school year
  - PD in process for staff
  - Parent info sessions will be offered- Dates TBD

### **Update from the SEPAC**

- 23/24 Goals
  - To increase board membership
  - Continue to offer community events and educational opportunities
  - Increase community engagement
  - Continued collaboration with the district and school committee
- Anticipated recommendations for the district and school committee
  - Focus on SEL curriculum implementation (Second Step)

- Review and comparison of DESE best practices to district practices for alignment
- Analysis of special education staff caseloads to ensure appropriate staffing in the district
- Events
  - Dr. Burch- 1/22 7PM- Flyer sent out by district and advertised on social media platforms
  - *Opting for Growth by Embracing Stress and Emotions: Let's Get Uncomfortable* with Dr. Karin Hodges. March 14th, 6-8pm in person- possible meet the SEPAC first

#### **Questions/Comments/Discussion:**

- Discussion about planning a potential Q&A after the TFM report is complete
- Future events- Joe Pumphrey, New IEP format
- Coffee hour with Director of Student Services and SEPAC: Topic- Budget Talk in relation to special education.

**Next Meeting 3/13 @ 10am**