

Newletter from the ES

Council for Teaching & Learning



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Dear Passionate Teachers,

We hope you are having a wonderful February and enjoyed the ~~Taylor Swift~~ Super Bowl!

This past week the CTL Team invited Brenda Browne, the Assistant to the Associate Superintendent from the Office of Special Education. We asked Brenda a handful of questions, many of which can be found [here](#). If you have any questions for Mrs. Browne, please email your questions to your CTL Representative so we can find the answers for you.

The first topic we discussed was about "Specially Designed Instruction." We learned that this is instruction that is specifically designed for students with IEPs in addition to the core instruction. This type of service is what the instructional team works on and allows a student to make progress. Mrs. Browne emphasized that this instruction is a service, not a program, and it can not be found in one particular place. The education plans focus no content, meaning what is taught to allow the students to access general education programming, how the instruction is delivered, and then who, where, and when the instruction is delivered.

The Special Education department also informed us that they are trying to do away with the term, "SPED" and instead would like us to call it, "SE."

Mrs. Brown also explained the tiered support for Specially Designed Instruction. It is as follows:

- Tier one: classroom, UDL, explicit teaching,
- Tier two: small group, data driven, addressing academic/behavioral needs, progress monitored monthly, in the classroom.
- Tier three: small group, data driven, more intensive than tier 2, progress monitored every 2 weeks

Please click [this link](#) for more information, including an accommodation guide.



If you ever have any questions, concerns, or topics you'd like us to discuss at our meetings, please do not hesitate to reach out to your CTL reps so we can escalate your questions to the appropriate office. Please continue to upload questions on this [link](#) and find answers to your curriculum and instructional questions.

Sincerely,
Your Representative