Please join us for an opportunity to connect and share. (not an official meeting, just a cup of coffee with friends).

Topic: Coffee and Conversation
Time: Apr 11, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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School Committee Discussed Special Education on April 7th, please watch the discussion on Brookline Interactive (it should be posted soon). The full meeting was an hour and forty minutes, Special Education was primary focus for first hour.

**Highlights** (these are from my chicken scratch notes, please watch the meeting or check official minutes for the most accurate information):

Everyone should have been contacted by their Special Education team by now - if you haven't heard from your team, contact your liaison or ETF. (if you don't have ETF contact information, check here.)

Service Delivery should begin for all next week - your Team Leader should have contacted you by now to talk about your child's needs. If they haven't please email them or your ETF asap. Note that service delivery will not be the same as is described in your IEP delivery grid - we encourage you to work with your child's team to get what your child needs, but also understand the limitations required for health and safety. If you are frustrated, or have concerns please reach out to your team
OOD families should have heard from their schools and Kristen Beaupre - please keep Kristen in the loop about any concerns you have and let her know what your school is doing. She's collecting best practices, so it helps to keep her in the loop. Kristen's email is kristen_beaupre@psbma.org.

The district is considering many options for Extended School Year (ESY) including extending to 7-8 weeks and PSB is looking at options for where to do programming and what that will look like. More details to come.

Paraprofessionals have not been activated yet but there are many ideas of how to bring these important team members onboard. We suggested using paras to build small cohort groups that could support our children socially and academically. We are concerned that many of our students are having difficulty with full classroom virtual meetings and would like to see more small, targeted learning opportunities to give our children an equitable experience.

We had lots of conversation about equity of access and the frustration that special education families are feeling that our services are taking so long to activate. We stressed the importance of social connections with peers - not just GenEd peers, but their Special Ed peers and Teachers and Staff.

We highlighted the need to be ready for an increased need for mental health resources in September, to just for students currently identified as at-risk, but for all PSB students.

A Task Force was created to set educational expectations for all students. Linda Monach will be on the task force representing SEPAC families. Please email Linda with any thoughts, questions, concerns. Linda@BrooklineSEPAC.org

We are trying to keep up with everything coming in from the district and other sources - Please Check the links below for the latest. If you need anything please email Faith and/or Linda or both of us at info@brooklinesepac.org.
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