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Slippery Rock Schools to Host Special Education Night for Parents

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The Slippery Rock Area School District will host a Special Education Night on Wednesday, November 8 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium. The evening is being planned by Dr. Laura Green, Slippery Rock Area School District Director of Special Services, as a way of helping the school community understand many of the processes associated with special education programs in the school district.

“This event is simply a means of communicating facts concerning special education to parents. The better informed our parents are and the more we collaborate with them as a staff, the more positive experience we can provide our kids,” explained Green.

Planned as an evening of discussion and sharing, the event intends to give participants knowledge of special education topics such as: the student evaluation process, goals and objectives, transition services for post-high school, least restrictive environment, specially designed instruction, related services for special education students, extended school year, and parent engagement.

“It is really important that parents attend events like this so they can learn about how to be an informed decision-maker in their child's plan,” says Melissa Allen, the Transition Program Manager with Disability Options Network which is the Center for Independent Living that serves Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer and Westmoreland counties. “Slippery Rock is hosting this event but we are welcoming parents from neighboring districts to join us as well because our panelists will provide a wealth of information during the session.” Mrs. Allen is also a member of the Slippery Rock Area School Board and a representative of the Parent Local Task Force, and has been an instrumental resource in the planning of this event.

The school community, as a whole, could benefit from knowing the key players on staff in a school district that help special needs students achieve. “It’s important for our school community to understand the resources that are available when it comes to educating our neediest student population. We have state certified professionals on staff who are experts in helping parents understand programs that will put their children in the best position to succeed,” stated superintendent, Dr. Alfonso Angelucci.

An expert guest panel will share their special education knowledge and answer questions following a presentation. The event will also include the presence of community agencies. Expected to participate are: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Center for Community Resources, The Arc of Butler, and Slippery Rock University.

The Disability Options Network and the Center for Independent Living is co-sponsoring this event with the District.

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