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Executive Director's Report August 27, 2015

NEWS

CAIU Opening Week

It is an exciting time as the summer comes to a close and the new school year begins. Classrooms are opening and we welcome our staff back for the 2015-16 school year. Loysville YDC staff returned on August 13 and our school-age program staff returned during the week of August 17. Staff providing services for our preschool children returned on August 24. Beginning of the year program meetings are held at various times during this time period. Dr. Brunner and I visited each program meeting to welcome staff to the new school year.

Champions for Children Golf Tournament

The 19th Annual Champions for Children Golf Tournament was held on July 28 at the Cumberland Golf Club in Carlisle. We had 100 golfers and raised over \$7,200 from the event. Children served in the CAIU programs face many challenges and the funds raised help meet the special needs of our students. Thank you to all who participated this year.

Office Depot Purchasing Program

Last year, 2014-15, was the inaugural year for the CAIU's Purchasing Program with Office Depot. This program includes web-based ordering and account management, no delivery fee, no minimum order value, and an 8% incentive to transition existing customers or to encourage new customers to join the program during this first year. Seven LEAs transitioned their existing accounts and four LEAs joined as new accounts. These eleven LEAs accounted for over \$363,000 in net sales and will receive a pro rata share of over \$29,000 transition incentive. Twenty-eight percent of the overall spending was in Office Depot-related products and seventy-five percent of the overall spending was on products from the preferred pricing list (core list) that we can influence in the future.

Student Services

Pupil Services/Hospital/ELECT-EFI/Homeless

- New School Psychologist has been hired to cover additional contract needs and a long term substitute psychologist for a child rearing leave of absence.
- Diakon's August enrollment is at 19 students, the highest start in 2 years.
- Hershey Medical Center is looking to establish a team to assist with social needs for students with Autism.



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Hill Top Academy

- We welcome Dr. John Thompson as our new principal at Hill Top Academy.
- Two new teachers and a behavior consultant have been hired and an offer has been made for the vacant educational consultant.
- Hill Top Academy is looking forward to establishing a PBIS (positive behavior intervention & supports) implementation team as the school year begins.
- In August, Safe Crisis Management Training was held on-site for all staff needing initial certification or recertification.

Preschool - Early Intervention

- We served 1,914 eligible children (ages 3-5) during 2014-15.
- We are so appreciative that Declan Fledderjohn, son of Mary Jane Fledderjohn - preschool speech clinician, completed a service project at Delbrook Preschool Center. He worked tirelessly to clean and organize classroom and playground materials. (See photos attached under Executive Director report.)
- Yvonne Shreffler and Jill Bradley recently attended a 2 1/2 day seminar in Pittsburgh to learn about Minspeak, the language that is used on PRC (Prentke Romich Company) augmentative communication devices (AAC). They learned about Minspeak from its creator, Bruce Baker. They met 22 different speech and language pathologists (SLPs), special educators, and occupational therapists (OTs) who support students with AAC devices all over the country. During the training they were able to Skype with Chris Klein, an AAC user who uses a PRC device with minspeak language. They had the opportunity to meet and work with researchers interested in language development. Dr. Carole Zangari, a SLP from Florida, who specializes in AAC for preschoolers presented. She had amazing ideas for using core language in the preschool class using existing books. They are very thankful for this opportunity.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Visited Extended School Year (ESY) classes at Hill Top Academy.
- Met with Superintendents' Conference Committee to plan Fall Superintendents' Leadership Conference.
- Met with United Way representatives to plan the work for the Education Task Force.
- Attended Chief Recovery Officer (CRO) committee meeting with Harrisburg SD.
- Met with Executive Director of Partnership for Career Development.
- Attended PAIU Central Region Executive Directors' monthly meeting.