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Special Presentation on Educating Students with Special Needs in Quebec

This month the SNAC committee was wowed once again by the outstanding and very detailed presentation by Dr. Cindy Finn on Educating Students with Special Needs in Quebec. It is a presentation that Dr. Finn offers to present annually to SNAC as it is most informative and helpful to the committee as questions of coding and supports available come up often from the parent population. Here are *some* highlights:

A snapshot was taken of the special needs statistics as of **October 2018** for LBPSB

The total population of students in LBPSB from K-11 in 2018-2019 is **19,636** students


Total Number of students with special needs in LBPSB is 13%
(2550 students of 19,636 total students)

13% of students within LBPSB are identified as in difficulty or with a code (EHDA - élèves en difficultés d'adaptation ou d'apprentissage)

**** As per the Education Act, all students identified as EHDA must have an IEP**

Within the 13%, the breakdown is as follows:

- **61% (1553 of the 2550) are students considered to be in difficulty** (learning difficulties, mild intellectual impairments, behaviour disorders etc.)
- **39% (997 of the 2550) are students with a handicapped code** (Students with coding such as Autism, Psychopathological, Language Disorders, Hearing Impairments etc.)

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How many Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) ? (Fall 2018)

K & Elementary : 2411 IEPs - 21.3%
Secondary : 2549 IEPs - 30.7%

Proportion of Disabilities at LBPSB

1. Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) - 48%
2. Psychopathological Disorders - 18%
3. Mild Motor Impairment / Organic Disorders - 13%
4. Language Disorder - 12%

Special Needs Identification

Step 1 at the school level (teachers meeting with the resource teachers)

Step 2 Board Level (Does the student meet criteria for identification)

Step 3 Board and Ministry Level (Declaration of all students, Sept 30th + declaration of IEP's declaration of codes between Nov-June.


LBPSB Services to Students

- Teaching (Classroom teachers, resource teachers)
 - Differentiation within class, remedial support
- Learning and Behavior Support
 - Integration aide (in class)
 - special education technician / social work technician
- Non-teaching professional services
 - Consultation, Assessment, Intervention

Organization of Services are based on:

- Student needs (not code)
- School Based Delivery Model
- Teamwork (School Resource Teams)
- Understanding that student needs & services change over time and context

Yes...those were just a *few* of the highlights from Dr. Finn's amazing presentation! We will put her powerpoint presentation up on the SNAC website in December.

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OPHQ Survey

All SNAC members have been asked by the Office des Personnes Handicapées du Québec (OPHQ) and the Ministry of Education to complete a survey. Members were provided a link and the deadline is November 30th. It is a confidential questionnaire for members of advisory committees at all school boards across the province on services for handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities.

Question from the Public

A member of the public had asked which school it was that was organizing their own internal evening on Individualized Education Plans for parents of students with special needs. It was Birchwood Elementary and it was set to be held at the end of September. SNAC had no involvement with the creation, but is very pleased to hear that Birchwood offered this event for their parents and wondered if other schools did something similar.

Alternate SNAC member to sit on the Programs & Services Committee

SNAC was very pleased to learn that the Council of Commissioners approved our request to have an alternate SNAC member sit on the programs & services committee. SNAC has appointed Sheila Moody as the alternate representative.

Next SNAC Meeting will be held:

Wednesday January 16, 2019 at 7pm at LBPSB head office, 1925 Brookdale Avenue.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season with your families.

Respectfully submitted,

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