

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL GOALS 2015-16

- Council Goal 1:** Promote improved student learning / outcomes, including **promoting inclusive educational services** that meet the needs of all students, regardless of their abilities, and promote a sense of belonging and mutual respect for all students while affirming each student's individuality.
- Council Goal 2:** Promote expanded access and quality of services for students with disabilities (SWD) to better prepare them for **transition into independent living**, meaningful work or post-secondary education.
- Council Goal 3:** Promote the use of **ongoing assessments and unique accommodations** that will accurately evaluate SWD, providing consideration to their individual needs.
- Council Goal 4:** Promote increased **quality and quantity of special educators**, general educators, and paraprofessionals serving eligible children and youth with disabilities.
- Council Goal 5:** Promote **sufficient funding for special education services** and encourage the equitable distribution and utilization of funds to promote best practices for students with special needs.
- Council Goal 6:** Promote improved **use and application of State and local data** related to special education to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.
- Council Goal 7:** Promote **enhanced communication** among the community, educators, the SEA and other stakeholders on special education services.
- Council Goal 8:** Encourage implementation of **RTI²** to promote **positive behavior support** including planning, collaboration, and development of best practices that create a positive learning environment and successful experiences for students with disabilities.

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