

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
**School Board Report**  
**September 11, 2017**

The 2017-2018 school year has started with many changes and all the excitement that goes along with change! Here are some highlights:

- We hired several new staff over the summer—we welcome the following to our team:
  - Christina Bichrest, Functional Life Skills K-3 Teacher at PCS
  - Susan Harmon, Future Leaders Teacher at ESS
  - Kat Seeley, teaching at PRHS
  - Patty Boston, Ed Tech PRHS
  - Michael Lane, Ed Tech PRHS
  - Christy Carmody, Ed Tech PCS
  
- We have moved all the life skills classrooms to Poland Community School. I love having them under one roof and all working together. All the students transitioned very easily to the new school and space.
  
- We still have some openings for ed techs in our life skills program. All the rest of our ed tech positions are filled!
  
- We are still looking for a Behavior Specialist.
  
- The Department of Education did an Individual Education Plan (IEP) training for all staff on one of our workshop days. It was great to hear directly from them (the folks that do our audit!!) how they want the plans written.