Special Services/ SEAC Newsletter

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"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

Albert Eienstein

Director's Spotlight

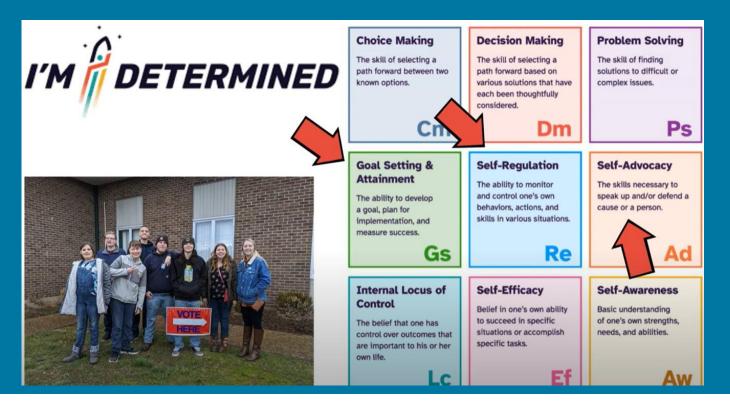


JoAnna McCue-Martin

JoAnna Martin is our new McKinney Vento Liaison. She comes to this position with a wealth of knowledge and experience. She started her career with Warren County Public Schools as a teacher at Hilda J. Barbour Elementary School. After taking some time off to do some intensive training, she rejoined us as our Behavioral Support Coach. For the past few years, she has been working with students (and staff) to teach coping skills and skills for emotional regulation. Her hard work is paying off. We are regularly hearing from students that they are handling difficult situations and emotions more successfully! A few years ago, she joined our McKinney Vento team. She works directly with homeless students and families to ensure that their basic needs are met. She connects families to school and community resources. She is a tremendous advocate for our students! We are excited that she will be our new Liaison!

"The <u>I'm Determined</u> project, a state-directed project funded by the VDOE, focuses on providing direct instruction, models, and opportunities to practice skills associated with self-determined behavior. This project facilitates youth, especially those with disabilities, to undertake a measure of control in their lives, helping to set and steer the course rather than remaining the silent passenger." *-imdetermined.org*

Warren County Public Schools will be modeling the I'm Determined project in all schools.







SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) TRAINING

Attention, SEAC Members and Advisors!

PEATC in partnership with the Virginia Department of Education is pleased to offer SEAC trainings aimed at helping SEAC members understand the role of the local Special Education Advisory Committee in **Virginia** and to build a more efficient and effective advisory committee.

These trainings will include information on:

- SEAC in Virginia SPED Regulations
- SEAC Roles and Responsibilities
- Building Your Local SEAC
- Organization Tips for SEACs
- How to be an Effective Advisory Committee

Click on your preferred upcoming session type:



<u>SELF-PACED ONLINE COURSE</u> January 3, 2024 through

January 31, 2024

LIVE ZOOM TRAINING

January 27, 2024 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM



These trainings are also open to parents and professionals who are interested in learning about local SEACs in Virginia.

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Meetings for the 2023-2024 School Year:

March 17, 2024 at 10:00 Skyline High School

May 13, 2024 at 11:00 E.L.E.M.E.N.T.S. Program at Diversified Minds

SEAC Bylaws allow for 15 minutes of public input. To ensure everyone fair opportunity, SEAC respectfully requests that all concerns expressed are general comments dealing with global issues. Public input is received without comment during our

meeting. Commenters are assured of a response from either SEAC or the Director of Special Services by the next quarterly meeting. We welcome all your concerns.

Where to find SEAC Information:

Look up SEAC on the WCPS Website:

Under the "Special Services" tab (https://www.wcpsva.org/specialeducation advisorycommittee)

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Warren County VA Special Education Advisory Committee

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

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