

# Special Education/General Education Task Force February 14, 2012

#### **Précis**

# Committee membership:

- Amy Bailey, Chittenango, co-facilitator
- Dave Karam, OCM BOCES, co-facilitator
- Jennifer Blossey, LaFayette
- Jeff Craig, OCM BOCES
- Lisa Dinneen, Fayetteville-Manlius
- John Durkee, Marcellus
- Karen Genzel, DeRuyter
- Rosanna Grund, OCM BOCES
- Dee Dee Hagemann, Solvay
- Ray Kilmer, Fayetteville-Manlius
- Linda Llewellyn, Homer
- Andrea Nardozzi, Fabius-Pompey
- Janel Payette, RSE-TASC
- · Paul Schiener, Tully
- Cathy Schuler, Marathon
- Sheila Woltman, Jamesville-DeWitt

### Some of the reasons we have for joining this committee (from members):

- Establish some best practices, what resources are available, professional development opportunities
- Buildings, special education classrooms in buildings, APPR process, culture change
- Guidance and direction, understand APPR with regard to special education
- Best practices, help general education teachers work with special education population
- Increase general education understanding of regulations, understanding of goals, understanding graduation, professional development for general education
- Raising special education expectations, embrace BOCES classrooms in districts, visitation of best practices, sensory centers, seeing is believing
- Equal access, graduation, gather data from districts, safety net, understanding behavior and discipline, continuum of services, survey districts, co-teaching, resource, special class
- Strategies and best practices for student success and graduation, special education and general education working together, co-teaching best practices,
- Suggestions for resources, best practices, belonging, for buildings
- Systemic, comprehensive, remove barriers, culture
- Professional development, differentiation, grading, graduation, credit-bearing

# This word cloud is an expression of the above:



### Our "to-do:"

- Identify current practices with some sort of survey. What are schools doing?
  Where are the programs? What do teachers say they need?
- Prepare "list" of best practices, resources, etc. Especially with regard to access, managing behaviors, instructional approaches. How do we find these and then "get" them to people?
- How to make a sustained effort that outlasts things such as APPR and financial constraints?
- What can we put together to offer as a resource? People? Places? Things?

## How will we operate?

- Facilitators: Amy Bailey, Dave Karam
- Meeting frequency: once per month (maybe longer meetings in the summer?).
  Will use VC for meetings as appropriate.
- Should we invite RSE-TASC (Janel Payette)? Yes.

## **Future Meeting Schedule:**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-9:30am, Center Conference Room May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-9:30am, Center Conference Room June 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-9:30am, Center Conference Room