

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR of SPECIAL SERVICES

Millburn Public Schools

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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To: Board of Education Members

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Special Education Department Update

As we head into the holiday season, special education and Rtl services are well under way. We have collected all of the fall benchmark data from Aimsweb, MAP testing, and ISAT and have made decisions on appropriate services and support for students at-risk for academic failure. Special education staff were able to attend many of the parent-teacher conferences to update parents on their child's progress. Our eighth grade special ed teachers are preparing for transition meetings with the High Schools so we can gently pass our students on to them come spring.

Many of the supplies and materials that we were able to purchase with Federal Government stimulus plan (ARRA) have come in and have been distributed to the special education staff. They are thrilled to have new computers and printers, as well as new curriculum and interventions. We were able to outfit our new Early Childhood Autism Classroom with everything they needed to get the program off to a great start.

Next we will turn our attention to preparing for the ISAT test and preparing for the Annual Reviews that take place for every special education student each Spring.