

# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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"Through collaboration with member districts, the SLV BOCES brings a culture of excellence to education. The SLV BOCES empowers schools, families, and communities by providing services, support, and leadership to promote student achievement and success in life for all."

## RESOURCES

As educators we know the learning never stops. I wanted to outline some great resources for us as we move forward in our learning.

Iris Center <https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/>

From now running through the end of 2019, IRIS Professional Development Certificates will be **FREE**. That's right, *free*, and it's all thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. What a great opportunity to take advantage of some free PD. Certificates provided can be used for recertification credit for licensure.

San Luis Valley BOCES has made sure ParaEducator Online Training Program is available for all professionals across the Valley. Educators will have access to coursework on the following topics.

### Title I

- Content Area Instruction: Reading, Writing, and Math (3 courses)
- Content Area Knowledge and Skills: Reading and Writing (5 courses)
- Content Area Knowledge and Skills: Mathematics (15 courses)
- Content Area Knowledge and Skills: Science (8 courses)

### Basic Knowledge and Skills

- General Concepts (27 courses)
- Classroom Management (11 courses)
- Supporting Classroom Instruction (12 courses)
- Academic and Behavioral Assessment (3 courses)
- Accommodations and Modifications (2 courses)
- Working with Other Educators (2 courses)
- Health and First Aid (3 courses)

## Upcoming Events:

### October

October 8- SAC

October 11- Staff Meeting 8:00-8:30-

People First will speak

October 11- 9:00-3:00 Professional

Development- MTSS, Social Mapping

October 15- Steering Committee

October 17- Self-assessment due in RANDA

### November

November 8- Work Day

November 8- CPI Training

November 12- SAC

November 14- PEBC Small Group

Leadership Training

November 19- Zoom Office Hour 11:30-12:30

November 19- Steering Committee

## RESOURCES CONTINUED

### Disabilities and Exceptionalities

- General Concepts (9 courses)
- Supporting Students with Disabilities in the Classroom (15 courses)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (5 courses)
- Gifted Education (3 courses)
- Early Childhood (5 courses)

### English as a Second Language

- General Concepts (5 courses)

Anyone interested needs to email Luron Singer - [Lsinger@slvboces.org](mailto:Lsinger@slvboces.org) and information will be sent to you on how to get into the program.

Colorado Department of Education has a site for Library of On-Demand Resources

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/professionaldevelopment/ondemand>

A few topics include:

- Accountability
- Autism
- Early Learning and School Readiness
- English Learners
- Family, School and Community Partnering
- Special Education

So many opportunities for us all to learn.

Friendly reminders for special educators:

- If you received parent questionnaires please make sure these get to parents by the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Parents may want some support in completing the questionnaire.
- LJ and I will be completing file reviews through this school year. You should have received an email on those files being reviewed. If you want to double check on whose file will be reviewed contact LJ, your school psychologist or me ([nmcauliffe@slvboces.org](mailto:nmcauliffe@slvboces.org)).
- October 11 starting at 9:00 The SLV BOCES MTSS Team will address the 5 basic Social/Emotional Competencies and what strategies/interventions can be used at each tier within the continuum of behavior services. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Nita at [nmcauliffe@slvboces.org](mailto:nmcauliffe@slvboces.org)

As educators we work so hard to make sure we maximize student learning as well as our own learning. This deserves a big THANK YOU! Through all this please remember to take care of yourself and your hard working colleagues.

*This year,  
I will love the  
work in progress  
that is me.*