SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Special Education Advisory Committee

October 11th @ 3:00 pm

Videoconference Sites:

Due to Covid-19,

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Agenda					
Voting Members (4/7)	**OS**	**TC**	**VC**	**A**	**R**
BRAKE-WELDON, Brandy: *Dilico (Chair)*			X		

	M. McIntyre inquired if teachers individually encourage students to participate in these initiatives? D. Renaud answered that yes absolutely, teachers are truly engaged. A resource poster is sent to families as well with contact info. Supports are delivered to whole classes rather than singling out students. Director N. Morden Cormier emphasized that we must make sure educators are clear on their role and are following proper protocols. Educators should be directing students to the people in the building with expertise and must be very careful of roles and responsibilities.		
	5.3	Welcoming all Learners to Kindergarten at SGDSB: Learning to Play and Playing to Learn	Hillary Freeburn

H. Freeburn presented via power point an update of kindergarten transitions and highlights of this last year. This year's kindergarten transition has been labeled "return to normal." She explained that we are returning to in-person opportunities, conversations, case conferences and face-to-face meetings as

	student with input from their families. In the Terrace Bay region, two Summer Transition Tutors were hired to support this program. Chair M. McIntyre commented that children benefit from additional supports. She would like to see a continuation and expansion of this program.		
6.0	**Correspondence:**		**Host**
	6.1	Advocacy Letter Update	
	Director N. Morden Cormier provided an update of the advocacy letter sent on behalf of the SEAC to the Minister of Education, regarding the ability to continue virtual SEAC meetings and requirement to have the Chair and the Director of Education physically in the same meeting space. A letter in support of this letter was also sent on behalf of the Board of Trustees. We have not received a response from the Ministry. Board Chair, P. McRae asked the Minister about the letter while in a meeting and the Minister said he did not receive the letter. Subsequently, the letter has been resent last month but we have not heard back. Additional letters have been sent to the Minister's attention from other Boards and it looks promising that this amendment will stand. The Regulation Amendment expires at the end of November, but we are hoping we will hear a response in future. B. Brake Weldon added that the ability to attend virtually does makes things much easier but she can attend in person. N. Morden Cormier added that this is an equity issue. Anyone who wants to be Chair or participate on a committee should not be limited by transportation. In the North you must own a vehicle as public transportation is not available.		
7.0	**New Business:**		**Host**
8.0	**Information Items:**		**Host**
9.0	**Agenda Items: Next meeting Date/Time/Venue:**		