

West Hartford Public School District

Agenda Item: Physical and Occupational Therapists Supporting Student Learning

Meeting: March 18, 2014

From: Dr. Nancy DePalma, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Through: Dr. Karen List, Superintendent

Background:

The Physical and Occupational Therapists (PT/OT) are an important and integral part of the school-based interdisciplinary team that supports student access to learning and achievement. While the scope of practice for physical and occupational therapist is broad in the context of medical-based intervention within various clinical and community settings; this presentation will examine the educational purpose, role, function and practice within the school setting. Physical and occupational therapies include visual-motor integration, sensory processing, fine and gross motor skills, positioning and mobility. However, PT/OT therapies are not stand alone services and must be directly related to the student's educational needs and their program. Representatives from the discipline of physical and occupational therapy will provide information on the standards and key elements of assessment, intervention and consultation in the provision of school-based therapy/services PreK-12 grades.

Dr. Nancy DePalma, Glenn McGrath, Dr. Jocelyn Bruton, and Cheryl Eckenbarger will be available to answer any questions.

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