

**NORTHSIDE  
CHARTER  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
B R O O K L Y N



Northside Charter High School  
February 16, 2022 Caregiver Webinar

# AGENDA

- 1. Introducing the SpEd Team**
  - a. Who are we?*
- 2. A brief look at Northside's SpED Department**
  - a. What we do?*
- 3. The future of SpEd at Northside**
  - a. What to expect in the future of SpEd at Northside?*
  - b. SpEd strategies and action steps*
  - c. SpEd goals*
- 4. A look at future webinars**
- 5. Ways to contact the Interim CSSO**

# AN INTRODUCTION TO NORTHSIDE'S SPED TEAM

**Hello!  
I'm Ms. Nicolas!**

*Dean of Special Education  
and Multilingual Learner  
Services*



**Hello!  
I'm Ms. McClendon!**  
*SpED Coordinator*



# WHAT WE DO

- Follow RTI protocol in order to identify students who need additional support and/or a referral to special education services.
- Collaborate with the Committee on Special Education in developing, implementing and coordinating special education services for students and families.
- Work closely with counselors and administration in ensuring student schedules are in full compliance with mandates per their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- Support Special Education teachers by coaching differentiated teaching strategies to effectively meet the needs of all students.
- Advocate for and with families to make sure they are aware of their rights and are kept informed of special education processes.
- Provide SETSS (Special Education Teacher Support Services) in reading and math.

## THINGS TO COME! - SPED DEPARTMENT

- Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS)
- Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) credit recovery courses for core subjects
- Response to Intervention (RTI) courses for ELA and Math

Although SETSS has already begun for our scholars, RTI and credit recovery courses will commence

on **Monday, 2/28.**

# SpEd Strategic Plan

**Goal 1:** Academic achievement of students with disabilities as measured by state and local assessments in Mathematics and English Language Arts will increase by 2% in each index by 18 weeks.

**Goal 2:** Positive, supportive, and professional culture across general and special education will continue to improve by .2 as measured on the Insight Survey.

**Goal 3:** Satisfaction and involvement of parents of students with disabilities NCHS special education programs and services will continually increase by .2

# Strategies & Action Steps

1. Continue to provide expanded and enhanced high quality professional development to review the framework of our special education program and retrain the Special Education coordinator, Dean of Student Services, evaluators, administrators, and classroom teachers on IEPs as appropriate on each Special Education program component and on the development of IEPs
2. Evaluate, revise, and monitor the program to include exemplary components, the RTI process, differentiated learning and other effective practices
3. Create a Professional Learning Community to ensure the program's effectiveness, increase communication between general education and special education programs and strengthen IEPs.
4. Monitor student IEPs and codifying the process and system within the schools
5. Measure academic growth
6. Continue implementation and monitoring of differentiated instruction and collaborative teaching initiative

# SpEd Goals

1. 100% in compliance with CSE and NYSED- completing the CAR and meeting expectations
2. 80/ 104 IEPs- reducing the amount of caseload by declassifying students
3. Using data to increase “Time on Tasks” for the students by identifying their needs and aligning resources to achieve results. Dramatically increasing SETSS and intervention courses.
4. Increasing “Talent Goals” by improving the instructional strategies, confidence, and practices of pedagogy.
5. 25% increase in parent engagement.



# SPED WEBINAR FUTURE MEETINGS

**Mark your  
calendars!**

**We cordially invite you to future SpED-Focused Caregiver Webinars!  
Please join us on the following dates!**

**March 16th, 2022**

**April 13th, 2022**

**May 18th, 2022**

**June 15th, 2022**

**Register in advance for any of these webinars using this link!**

[https://northsidechs-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MWrs9Bq1Sd2dBJ69NJdCxg](https://northsidechs-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MWrs9Bq1Sd2dBJ69NJdCxg)

**We hope that you can join us!**

# NYC School Surveys- Your Feedback is Important!

As you may already know, every year we must administer the [NYC School Survey](#) to faculty, caregivers, and students. The survey has officially opened today, and will close on March 25, 2022. Your feedback is very important to us, and we encourage everyone to please take a moment to complete the survey.

Instructions for completing the survey are below:

**Families-** you may complete the survey in two possible ways, and please note that you must complete the survey for every child you have attending Northside:

**Online-** you will be asked for an "access code", which is your student's OSIS number with a lowercase "f" in front of it- example: f123456789. You may find your student's OSIS number in PowerSchool. If you need help accessing PowerSchool, please reach out to Mr. Deas at [helpdesk@northsidechs.org](mailto:helpdesk@northsidechs.org).

**-OR-**

**On paper, via snail mail-** at some point in the next week or so,, we should physically receive printed paper surveys, and we'll distribute to all students to take home with them. Once we receive these in hand and are ready to distribute, we'll call out again to everyone to expect them so you know to check with your student. If you complete a paper form, please be sure to use either black or blue ink, or pencil.

**Students-** you may complete your survey online [here](#) (same as the parent link), and you will also use your OSIS number as the access code. **\*For students, do not include the "f" in front of the OSIS number.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE**, the DOE has processed this survey based on whoever was present in ATS as of 12/1/2021, so if your student transferred to Northside after that date, you may find their OSIS number isn't accepted when they go to complete the survey. Only folks who were in ATS as of 12/1 would be captured. However, these surveys are run every year, so if you missed this round we hope you participate in the next one!

# Contact Northside's Special Education Department



Hello? I need help!

**FOR ALL INQUIRIES PERTAINING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:**

**Mrs. Nicolas, Dean of SpEd: 347-390-1273, x4141  
snicolas@northsidechs.org**

**Ms. McClendon, Special Education Coordinator:  
347-390-1273, x4090  
smcclendon@northsidechs.org**

# Contact Northside's Interim Chief of Student Services



**YOU NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE  
INTERIM CHIEF OF STUDENT SERVICES, MS. MONIQUE POWELL!**

**Reach the Interim CSSO at (934) 210 - 5529**

**Or**

**Call to schedule an appointment to meet with Ms. Powell during her  
office hours.**

**Thursdays from 9am - 10am.  
*All meetings are by appointment only!***