

Getting Personal With ... Mary

Mary Ruprecht has been on the SpEd Forms leadership team since 2008 and is responsible for maintaining and increasing the Goal Bank.

Mary and her husband Mike like to bike the trails in Minnesota. Their next biking trip with their good friends and avid bikers is planned for the Paul Bunyan trail. Later this summer, they plan a biking trip in the Black Hills.

Given Mary's love for biking, there will be many more biking trips planned for this summer.

From the FAQ Files New Report Features

Workload analysis and services reports now provide service minute totals for date ranges using data from finalized service plans. This means if the instructional days are entered and teachers have finalized all service plans, then service minute totals can be calculated for any date range.

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In June, we schedule free teacher trainings and administrator support groups for the next school year. In the 2011 school year we plan to offer these in Bemidji, Mankato, Marshall, Duluth, St. Paul, St. Cloud (Sartell) and Rochester.

If you would like us to schedule a training or administrator support group in your area, please contact Kelli on 1-866-796-1848.



Focus on . . . Duluth Public Schools



Laura Fredrickson, Director of Special Services for Duluth Public Schools since 2009, has been in Special Education for over 30 years.

“I wrote IEPs before they were even on a computer,” said Fredrickson.

Frederickson taught for 26 years, first in Wabasha-Kellogg and then New Richland-Heartland-Ellendale-Geneva, before gaining a degree in administration in 2005. Though she grew up in Eveleth, on “the Range,” she’s happy to be living and working in Duluth.

“The district offices are in a historic building downtown. You can see Lake Superior out of the window. It’s a beautiful view.”

Duluth Public Schools is one of five schools testing a new protocol for CTSS billing. Currently, the data available on SpEd Forms is helping Frederickson and her team to identify which students are MA billable through the new requirements.

Heidi Morris, who processes the CTSS billing for Duluth Public Schools, says they’re still exploring how SpEd Forms can help make these new processes even more efficient.

“SpEd Forms could potentially be modified to be even more of a tool for us,” said Morris. “Even so, it has made it fairly painless to run reports and submit requests for payment.”

Asked what aspect of SpEd Forms is the most valuable to her and her staff, Frederickson is quick to respond.

“Most of the districts in the state already use SpEd Forms. This makes it so much easier when students transfer from one district to another because all of the information you need is already there.”

In the News

GenEd Used to Document RtI in 2011-12 School Year

St. Croix River Education District and Zumbro Education District plan to use SpEd Forms’ GenEd Forms to document Response to Intervention (RtI) in the 2011-12 school year.

The GenEd Forms RtI package was developed in consultation with Gary Woodward and Kim Gibbons during the 2010-11 school year and successfully piloted at St. Croix River Education District in the Spring of 2011.



*A perfect summer day is when the
sun is shining, the breeze is
blowing, the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is broken.*

-- James Dent