

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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Dear Parent/Guardian

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I hope you and your family were able to relax and enjoy some more activities than last summer! Although things feel like they are returning to normal a little, the school health and safety committee has been meeting and going over the new guidelines that are coming out. The Superintendent is having his parent information sessions on Tuesday evenings. Please keep your eye out for those notifications.

There are some changes to the District Special Education Administration this year. With Nancy Dugan retiring, Hope MacLeod will be the Director of Student Support Services for the District. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat please call at 508-692-2007 X20. At the High School we have a new Administrator of Special Education Heather Rogers Rodrigues (who is not new to some). She has been here on MV in various roles for a while as she shared her time between MV and Hawaii. We are very happy to have her here now, full time at MVRHS. She is a great addition to that team!

Please note that team meetings will continue to be able to be held virtually (ie, phone or zoom) this school year unless the team, or you as a parent prefer to meet in person. You will find specific information about your legal rights within the [Parent's Notice of Procedural Safeguards — English Version — Revised 11/2019 and Translated Versions](#). This document includes sources that you may contact for assistance in understanding your rights, it is also attached.

I want to acknowledge that it has been a difficult time recently. Our schools have done an amazing job supporting ALL students including our students with disabilities. If you have any questions about supports or concerns about your child's progress or needs, please contact your special education liaison, building administration or myself (hmacleod@mvyps.org or 508-693-2007 x20). As always, I welcome your input and am available to answer questions, address concerns, and collaborate with you in providing support for your child.

All the best,

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IPAC information
Parent's Notice of Procedural Safeguards