#### Your Child's Team

(Roles and Responsibilities)



#### Acknowledgement of The Territo











#### Teams....

- Are made up of individuals with specific skills, talents and perspectives
- Come together around a common purpose and focus; "Your Child"
- Are built on relationships founded on trust and open communication
- Celebrate wins and pull together and support each other during bumpy times



#### **Parents, Caregivers and Guardians**

#### Build understanding and a positive relationship with your child's school:

- Be involved
- Communicate
- Participate in meetings; share information about your child's strengths, interests and needs and what works at home
- Ask for help or clarification when and if you need it
- Build a trusting relationship with your team!



#### The "Learner"

- A student's voice is integral to the development of an authentic Individual Education Plan
- For students with significant communication needs, parents, guardians, staff and peers are a great source of information
- Student voice supports student ownership of learning and self determination



#### The Classroom Teacher (CT)

- Builds caring and supporting relationships with each student
- Creates caring and inclusive learning communities
- Designs learning activities based on the curriculum and student interests, strengths and needs.
- Designs, supervise and implement programs, including IEPs. Your child's CT will be a key member in planning for and ensuring your child's access to the curriculum
- Uses a variety of teaching practices and methods
- Assesses, evaluates and reports student learning progress
- Collaborates and communicates with parents, support staff and administrators.





#### **Learning Assistance Teachers**

- Serve as the **case manager** for students with learning disabilities
- Gather information from parents/guardians, student records, other service providers, and healthrelated information to aid the assessment and planning process;
- Teach students to develop learning strategies (tools) for use in classroom settings or for independent learning;
- Teach skill development (remediation)
- Collaborate with the classroom teacher to assess learning needs, recommend instructional strategies, structures and resources, support implementation and evaluation for students who may struggle with learning;
- Organize, participate in, and/or chair School-Based Team meetings

#### **Counsellors**

- Individual and group support and skills teaching for students who have social emotional and mental health needs
- Classroom-based prevention education programs, in consultation with the classroom teacher
- Liaise between home and school for children in need of SEL/Mental Health support
- Liaise with outside agencies in support of students and families
- Offer parenting courses and/or parent support sessions
- Ensure that accurate assessment, classification, and reporting occurs for children experience significant SEL/MH concerns
- Develop, implement, and monitor IEPs for students requiring additional SEL/MH support

# SELFMANAGEMENT Managing emotions and behaviors to achieve one's goals SOCIAL AWARENESS Showing understanding and empathy for others RELATIONSHIP SKILLS Forming positive relationship working in teams, dealing effectively with conflict

#### **SEL Teachers**

- Co-planning and co-teaching of classroom/school wide social emotional supports
- Support an individual child's social emotional learning needs by teaching and coaching SEL strategies
- Collaborate with counsellors and other case managers in the development and implementation of the strategies and skills outlined in the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students who experience mental health needs, social emotional struggles, or challenging behaviours (including H & R designations)
- Offer Social Emotional Learning information sessions to staff and parents

**RESPONSIBLE** 

DECISION

#### **Indigenous Advocate**

- Indigenous Student Advocates provide emotional, social, academic and cultural support to students.
- They work closely with families, teachers and other personnel to provide service for students.



#### **The Certified Educational Assistant**

- Supports the academic and social inclusion of all students, especially students with diverse abilities and disabilities
- Supports and promotes student learning, independence and self determination
- Implements the IEP and/or support plans, with support and supervision from the classroom teacher and support staff
- Supervises and tutors students
- Supports the **personal care needs** of some students
- Support **medical needs** of some students



#### The School Principal (and Vice Principal)

- Leads the school staff in creating safe and inclusive learning communities for all students.
- Ensures academic programs, including IEPs/LPS are designed, implemented, assessed, evaluated and reported on.
- Works collaboratively with school staff to create structures to support teachers and student learning (School Based Team, school wide assessment plans, etc.)
- Collaborates with staff, district support staff and parents.
- Manages all aspects of the school (Supervises staff, budgeting, Health and Safety, etc.)

## Your child and school team may require additional support from district level staff

**Inclusive Education Staff And Learning Support Services Staff** 

#### **Resource Teachers**

- Resource Teachers
- Teacher of students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearings
- Teacher of students who are Blind or Visually Impaired



#### **Resource Teachers (all)**

Support a student with disabilities or diverse abilities, access the curriculum and the classroom/school community by....

- Creating and nurturing collaborative Individual Education Plan (IEP) teams
- Serving as the key contact/case manager for students with diverse abilities and disabilities ~ support communication amongst the team
- Working collaboratively with team members to develop IEPs
  - Supporting the teacher with designing, implementing, assessing, evaluating and reporting student progress in relation to the IEP
- Support the professional learning of teachers and CEAs
- Work with school based teams to schedule CEA support (academic, supervision, etc.)
- Design and develop **resources** and materials to support student learning

#### **IE and DSEL Consultants**

- Support school teams within a family (or region) of schools
- Support school teams with programming needs for learners with complex needs
- Liaise with service providers in the community
- Support professional learning
- Serve as district partners for access to provincial outreach programs and collaborate with community service providers

#### **Speech and Language Pathologist**

- through assessment, help a student's team understand a student's communication skills and needs
- develop goals and strategies to support the IEP
- provide appropriate programming and materials and coach CEAs to serve as 'practice partners'
- provide direct intervention individually or in small groups (in classroom/out of classroom)
- provide assessment of and recommendations for Augmentative and Alternative communication (AAC) systems
- develop non-tech AAC systems to support receptive and expressive communication

#### **Occupational Therapists**

- Work to promote, maintain, and develop the skills needed by a student in the school setting. (i.e. cutting/printing skills, washroom skills, eating and dressing skills, regulation, etc.)
- Use observation and assessment to provide programming recommendations to support a student's sensory needs

#### **Physical Therapists**

- Work to promote independence for the student in their home, school, and community. (i.e. mobility)
- Provide assistance in physical positioning to promote optimal access and independence (i.e.sitting with peers during circle time)
- Service may include screening, assessment, consultation, program planning, and equipment selection/adaptation

#### **School Psychologist**

- Collaborates to help school-based teams (SBTs), individual teachers, and parents/guardians understand the learning profile of a student with diverse learning needs and plan accordingly.
- For some students, the school-based team, in collaboration with the school psychologist, will determine that a referral is warranted for a psychoeducational assessment

#### **Inclusive Education Administration**

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### Thank you