



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

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Special Education and Pupil Services Monthly School Board Report

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Our Vision: Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.

Our Mission: Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

Section 1111 (g) (2) (J) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that the State educational agency will ensure that all paraprofessionals working in a program supported with funds under Title I, Part A meet applicable State certification requirements. Additionally, Section 1111 (g)(2)(M) requires that the State has Professional Standards in place for paraprofessionals, "including qualifications that were in place on the day before the date of enactment of the Every Student Succeeds Act." Online training was completed to meet the DPI's Title I requirement.

The WIDA screener is an English language proficiency assessment given to new students in Grades K-12 to help identify whether they are English learners (ELs); The ACCESS for ELs is administered in grades K-12 to students who have been identified as English learners. It is given annually to monitor students' progress in learning academic English in the four language domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. I have completed my yearly training course to administer both the WIDA screener and ACCESS test.