



# Regional School Unit #34

## Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

### ***Special Education Department***

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**Special Education Enrollment as of 12/15/20:** 343/1453 **24 %** of total enrollment

**Schools Attending:** Old Town Elementary, Viola Rand School, Alton Elementary, Leonard Middle School, Old Town High, Orono Middle School, Orono High School, Brewer Community School, Brewer Alternative Program, Bangor Regional Program and Stillwater Academy

Tuition Students: 40

### **November Activity:**

IEP/504 meetings: 58

### **State Reports:**

EF-S 04A/B

Special Education Allowable Tuition Billing

### **Professional Development/Updates/Links:**

- [K-12 Special Education Staff Meeting](#) will focus on training from the Maine Department of Education on IEP development.
- [Fall 2021-2022](#)-we have received notification of our incoming students from Child Development Services. Locally and regionally, we have concerns that the numbers are not a fair representation of the students that we should expect for Fall 2021 given the limited access to evaluations and services due to COVID-19.
- I was fortunate to be able to attend a virtual law conference with one of our staff members, Vanessa Wibby. We, of course, joined the session virtually. The conference was presented by Drummond Woodsum Attorneys at Law in partnership with MADSEC. The conference was titled, ***"It's a Twister!!! Special Education in the Age of COVID"***. Topics covered included: Top Ten Special Education COVID-19 Questions, Using the SLD Eligibility Checklist, Manifestation Determination, Dangerous Students, and the Expedited Hearing, and more. As always very informative as we navigate these challenging times in education.

***Three things you can control every day are your ATTITUDE, your EFFORT, and your ACTIONS. It doesn't matter what others are doing or who you think is being unfair. Every day you can focus on being positive, working hard, and making others around you BETTER.- Jon Gordon & Daniel Decker***