



Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

Special Education Department

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Special Education Enrollment as of 5/10/19: 318/1490 21% 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, Bangor Regional Program and Stillwater Academy

*State Average 2018-2019 18.23%

Tuition Students: 28

Referrals: 18

State Reports:

EF-S 04a/b State Agency Client Billing

Local Entitlement Application FY 20 Preparation/Training

Professional Development/Updates:

I had the great fortune of attending the **40th Anniversary LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities** last week. As President of the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC) I was able to select a national conference to attend. This all-expense paid trip allowed me to attend sessions on Section 504, Legal Ethics, Administration, Technology, Behavior and IDEA. The opportunity to network with administrators across the country was powerful. I spoke with administrators who were responsible for 50 students with disabilities to those with 5,000 students with disabilities; the needs and challenges were similar. The shortage of educators and related service providers, the need for training for educational technicians and general education programming to address the social and emotional needs for students entering public education were all areas of need across our country.

One of the many highlights of the conference was the opportunity to hear Marlee Matlin. Ms. Matlin is a Golden Globe actress and advocate for people with disabilities. Her session was titled "Nobody's Perfect: Achieving Inclusion, Diversity and Access". Her take way message was

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