



# Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

## Special Education Department

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**June 19, 2019**

**Special Education Enrollment as of 6/10/19: 311/1497** 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 (included in total)

**Referrals:** 13 in progress

### **May Activity:**

IEP/504 meetings: 67

### **State Reports:**

EF-S 04a/b State Agency Client Billing

Local Entitlement Application FY 20

Maine Housing Homeless Initiatives Gaps and Needs Analysis: School Survey

MDOE Special Education Exit Report- in progress

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

Extended School Year Services: The preparation for ESY 2019 is in full swing as we prepare for 92 students K-12. The program will run from July 16-August 8, 2019 (Tuesday-Thursday). Looking forward to another awesome summer with the students.

Staffing updates: RSU #34 search committees have completed the process and made recommendations for a new speech language pathologist and a new occupational therapist. A search committee is now working to fill a one-year special education teacher position at Leonard Middle School.

Training Opportunity: Social Skills Group for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Other Social Challenges

We invite you to participate in a research study: Children's Friendship Training is a 16-week evidence-based parent-assisted social skills intervention to teach children, between the ages of 6-12 years, how to make and keep f

friends. After intake surveys and interviews are conducted (75-90 minutes) and eligibility is determined, social skills groups and parent/social coaching groups will take place once per week for a total of 90 minutes at the University of Maine, Orono. Participants and their parent/social coach will meet in two, separate but concurrently timed groups. Virtual videos recorded will be of the participant and their social skills group role-play partner (another participant) using a 360 camera (e.g.: Samsung Gear 3601) with 4K resolution to fully immerse both participants in the virtual experience. Only participants who have given consent to be in the study will be video recorded. In addition, a four-question survey will be completed by both parents/ social coaches and participants at the end of the study. There are 16 weekly sessions.

**Your Child Will Learn How To:** • Find times & places to make friends

- Keep cool during play
- Engage in two-way conversations
- Greet friends
- Slip into conversations
- Ask friends to get together
- Join ongoing games
- Be a good sport
- Transition to new play activities
- Ask and give help
- Use good volume control
- Maintain good body boundaries.

Contact the Maine Autism Institute

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