

Director's Corner

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"Through collaboration with member districts, the SLV BOCES brings a culture of excellence to education. The SLV BOCES empowers schools, families, and communities by providing services, support, and leadership to promote student achievement and success in life for all."

Year in Review!

What a school year. I am not sure anyone could have predicted how this school year would end. I think this year had so many new learning's. I thought I would review for you some of what we learned and accomplished together during the 2019-2020 school year.

- We were able to partner with PEBC to learn more in the areas of writing and math.
- We also continued our strong efforts in CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute).
- Thanks to Melissa, we continued our learning through our coaching in Lindamood Bell.
- We learned a lot about visual supports, social mapping and we did a make & take.
- We had specialized training in functional behavior assessments.
- Our Board Members and Superintendents were able to participate in "Board Member Training and Reminders of Best Practices"
- Thanks to LJ we were able to hold Zoom trainings around best practices in special education.
- The GT program provided many learning opportunities and continued with Creative Explorations.
- We were able to hold a Section 504 training for Valley participants.
- We created a cohort of teachers who are working on masters and endorsements in math.
- We learned together how to handle remote learning.
- The San Luis Valley's overall final determination was Meets Requirements.
- We pulled together to support students and families during this pandemic.

Gratitude!

This will be my last Director's Corner so I wanted to make sure I let you all know how honored I have been to work with you all.

On August 31, 2020, I will be retiring from my position as Executive Director, Director of Exceptional Student Services at the San Luis Valley BOCES. I would like to thank the Board, Superintendents, BOCES staff and educators across the Valley for the many great opportunities provided to me during my years of service. For the past 30 years, I have been honored and humbled to work, learn and grow in the Valley with the best educational professionals I know.

BOCES has not only been my professional place of business it is also what I consider my family. While I look forward to my retirement, I will truly miss the amazing work and colleagues at BOCES and throughout the Valley.

How lucky am I to have something that makes leaving so difficult. I have always said I am the luckiest director in Colorado. I have truly enjoyed my educational career and will miss my colleagues and our hard work together. My fond memories of BOCES as well as the Valley will last a lifetime. I wish you all nothing but the best for the future.

Starting July 1, 2020, we will be welcoming the new leadership team to BOCES. Tina Goar, Executive Director, Stacey Holland, Director of Exceptional Student Services and LJ, Assistant Director of Exceptional Student Services. Together they will do an amazing job.

