

PRESS RELEASE
Marion, Mattapoisett, Old Rochester, and Rochester School Districts
Special Education and Civil Rights Tiered Focused Monitoring Review Site-Visit

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Dr. Douglas R. White Jr., Superintendent of Schools for the Marion, Mattapoisett, Old Rochester, and Rochester school districts was informed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of an upcoming Special Education and Civil Rights Tiered Focused Monitoring Review Site-Visit that will be taking place this school year. As part of this process, Department staff will visit the school districts on the following date:

Marion School District Onsite-Visit	January 14, 2019
Rochester School District Onsite-Visit	January 14, 2019
Mattapoisett School District Onsite-Visit	January 14, 2019
Old Rochester School District Onsite-Visit	January 14, 2019

Such visits are routinely conducted by the Department to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

The Department's Coordinated Program Review will address the following programs during the onsite visits: Special Education and Civil Rights. After reviewing Marion, Mattapoisett, Old Rochester, and Rochester School Districts' policies and procedures for these programs, a Department team will make its onsite visits, during which it will interview administrators and other identified staff members, survey parents and observe instructional spaces. After the onsite visits it will prepare reports for the superintendent and school committees, with detailed findings for each program.

Both the Department's report and the corrective action plan (if necessary) are public information and will be available to the public upon request. Program Review Final Reports are also available on the Department's Internet website at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/>.

Any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the Department's visiting team. Those wishing to be interviewed should call the superintendent's office at 508-758-2772 x1942 no later than January 4, 2019 to leave their name and phone number, or they may call Mr. Jeseo Kihiko at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at (781) 338- 3745. A member of the visiting team will contact each person desiring an interview. If an individual is not comfortable communicating in English or requires some other accommodation, the Department will make arrangements to communicate appropriately with the individual.