



Solano County SELPA November Update

Dispute Prevention and Resolution in Special Education

Conflict, in a broad sense, is natural in any relationship or collaborative effort. There will always be differences of opinions. It is how we handle those differences, those conflicts, that leads to the level of satisfaction for everyone involved. Yet, it is important to understand that dispute resolution occurs along a continuum. The five levels of the [CADRE Continuum](#) ranging from Prevention to Legal Review provide an excellent framework to preventing and resolving dispute.

Prevention is the key to reducing conflict. Rather than waiting for conflict to arise and calling for outside intervention, we must call upon every educator to practice effective conflict prevention. According to [Mueller Piantoni](#), there are three overarching concepts in conflict prevention: Communication, Parent Support, and Leveling the Playing Field.

Over the next few monthly newsletters, we will highlight practices in dispute prevention that every educator can incorporate into their interactions.



Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

- 11/8 - 3:00-4:30 PM [Teacher Support: Office Hours](#)
- 11/15 - 2:00-4:00 PM [School Psychologist/Mental Health Clinician Role in Manifestation Determination](#)

November Meetings

Date	Meeting
11/8	SELPA Governance and Finance Committee
11/8	SELPA Special Focus Committee (SFC)
11/9	Special Education Council (SEC) & Special Education Council + (SEC+)
11/16	Council of Superintendents (COS)
11/16	Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Professional Development Highlight

Solano SELPA provides support for special education teachers and case managers to navigate the complexities of SEIS and IEP development. Want someone to review your IEP before you affirm it? Join our staff for "Office Hours" and have an open dialogue with IEP experts!

Date	Title	Description
11/8/23	Office Hours	Join us for an open format Q and A session. We are happy to help you navigate scenarios you face every day.
1/24/24	Communication, Documentation.	Learn the ins and outs of meaningful parent participation
2/28/24	Minimizing Conflict for the IEP Pro-	Learn how to lay the foundation for positive and productive IEP meetings.
3/13/24	Office Hours	Join us for an open format Q and A session. We are happy to help you navigate scenarios you face every day.