



## ***Response/Action Required***

February 18, 2022

To: Elementary School Principals  
From: Sally Lancaster, Regional Superintendent  
Kelley Clevenger, Executive Director of Special Services  
Regarding: SPED Outdoor Communication Board

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We are excited to launch our Outdoor Communication Board project for all elementary schools in EPS! This project is aligned to our strategic theme of Equitable Access to Resources as we seek to remove barriers so that all students can engage in meaningful play with peers and adults on all school playgrounds. Additionally, this is a collaborative project between Special Services, ESD Special Education PTSA, school PTAs, staff, and schools funded by a grant obtained by Kelley Clevenger, Executive Director of Special Services.

We are asking that staff be given the opportunity to watch this 10 minute [WHY video](#) to give context about the project and outdoor communication boards, perhaps this can be delivered to staff by the school team during a Friday staff meeting? Later this year and prior to installation, we will also create a training video for staff that will cover how to use the outdoor communication board. Anyone who is interested in being the lead on this project at your site is asked to complete this short 30 second [survey](#) of interest.

Sincerely,

***The Outdoor Communication Board Team***

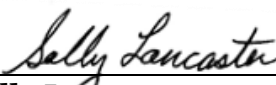
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**Required Action:**

Please communicate this information with your staff.



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Sally Lancaster