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Dear Parents,

SCESC is happy to announce that we are partnering with a retired educator and longtime transition specialist Michelle Mongey. Ms. Mongey has been working with our staff and students on strengthening our transition program at NHA.

Ms. Michelle, as the students know her, has established activities and supportive curricular activities in many classrooms. She is working with students and staff on furthering student skills sets in the areas of employability, life skills and career activities. Her ideas and energy are amazing. What she brings to the students in our program has been incredible.

Ms. Michelle has asked about a role as a resource to the families. Dr. Greg and I believe that the information she has access to and questions she can answer are vital to the successes of our students as they near post graduation time frame. She will be reaching out to parents of students who are at that age and/or will be nearing the end of the high school programs (whether it be age 18, 21 or 22).

She will also be working to schedule parent trainings in collaboration with Mr. Wade, School Social Worker and Mr. O'Hara, Supervisor of Project Search. She has identified speakers who know the resources available and best ways to connect to the resources around transition.

Her email is : mmongey@sussexesc.org and I know that she will be reaching out to parents/case managers to discuss what has been identified for your child in this process and/or how she can assist in developing a timeline for your child.

We are so happy to have Ms. Michelle Mongey working with us to ensure smooth transitions and activities in the areas of transition for our students/your child.

Sincerely,

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