



Office of Student Services - Special Education FAQ about the Strike

Over the course of the last five days, the Office of Student Services has received questions from various stakeholders about the impact of the strike on special education services. Below are some of the frequently asked questions and answers.

What is the impact of the strike on special education timelines for IEP meetings and evaluations?

Team meetings that were scheduled to occur on days that the teachers were on strike will be rescheduled when school reopens. Special education evaluation and meeting timelines (including requests for independent educational evaluations) are measured in school working days. Timelines will resume once school reopens.

Will compensatory services be offered to students when the strike ends?

The days during the strike are being treated as snow days. Since all the days have to be made up, students will receive all their missed services.

More urgent student needs will be addressed in the same manner as we always address all student crises and needs; we will ensure students receive the supports they require.

Will special education professionals and/aides lose their jobs due to the budget cuts created by a potential new contract?

NPS has a legal obligation to implement the services and supports agreed upon in student IEPs and will continue to do so under a potential new contract.

What is the District's plan for transitioning students back?

Guidance is being developed to support all educators, including special educators, on transitioning students back to school.