



Bi-County Collaborative

Making It Possible

Activities and Information

June 2020

- Student enrollment at Bi-County will close out the year on June 30th with 233 enrolled students and several pending referrals. Despite the pandemic and school closure since March 16th, enrollment at the collaborative remains stable. We are on target to meet budget revenue expectations.
- Due to the pandemic BICO developed and implemented individual remote learning plans for all students. Data indicates 72% participation across all programs. In addition to teaching and learning opportunities for all students, BICO staff focused on contact with families, consistent communication, availability of counseling, behavioral support and other related services through tele-therapy and consultation. BICO staff continued with participation in Team meetings remotely.
- BICO will continue with remote learning on July 1st for summer services. Based on guidance and requirements released by DESE, BICO is working on possibly providing in person services, on a limited basis, later this summer. All required PPE has been ordered. We need to receive ordered PPE and develop situation specific protocols in order to provide in person services. Health and safety for students and staff remains our top priority.
- BICO's Professional Development Team and Member District PD Committee provided a diverse and differentiated menu of PD offerings at no cost to member districts on March 3, 2020. Topics included Self Care, Effective Programming for Students with Social – Emotional Disabilities, Creating Google forms to Efficiently Collect and Manage Data, the role of the Paraprofessional in Special Education and more. These offerings were well attended and feedback was positive.
- We are working toward a smooth transition for the incoming Executive Director, Jeanne Sullivan. We wish to extend many thanks to our BICO School districts, Board members and families. This has been a most unexpected and unusual last quarter of the school year. Due to teamwork and partnerships we have with staff, families, and all of our stakeholders we are getting through this unprecedented time together. Serving as BICO's Executive Director for the past 7 years has been the highlight of my career. I will forever be grateful to our Superintendent Board, Member School Districts, BICO staff and families for working with us to make great things possible for our students and community.

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