

# Assistive Technology (AT)

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# Thoughts and Goal

- Long term goal – give schools a chance to participate in an Assistive Technology (AT) share/loan program
- Original idea - assist a school in getting an inventory of their AT equipment/devices



# Questions

- What type of AT inventory do schools have now?
- Do schools want an inventory of their AT?
- Would school districts be interested in an AT share/loan program?



# The Survey

- Created a survey on SurveyMonkey.com
- 9 Questions
  - 6 about AT
  - 3 Demographic
- Mailing to 106 Special Education Directors
  - Letter explaining project
  - Paper copy of survey
- Link to survey was sent via e-mail
  - [Link to Assistive Technology Survey](#)



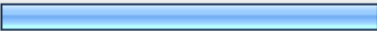
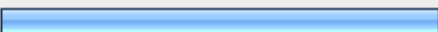
# Response to Survey

- Responses via mail and electronic survey
  - 21 returned by mail
  - 20 returned via SurveyMonkey
- $41 / 106 = 39\%$  Response Rate
- 218 schools represented

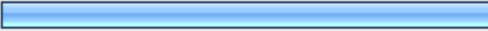
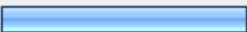

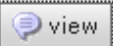
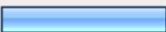


# Survey – Questions #1 & #2

1. Does your school(s) have a current inventory of their Assistive Technology equipment/devices?

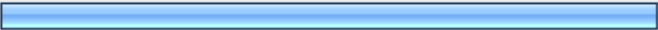
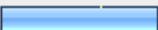
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		46.3%	19
No		53.7%	22

2. If you answered YES to Question #1, what is the format of your inventory system?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Paper		60.0%	12
Spreadsheet		30.0%	6
Bar Code System		15.0%	3
 Other (please specify)		20.0%	4



# Survey – Questions #3 & #4

3. If you answered NO to Question #1, would your school(s) be interested in getting an inventory of their Assistive Technology equipment/devices?


		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		81.0%	17
No		19.0%	4

Schools want to get an inventory of their AT

4. If an Assistive Technology Share/Loan Program was available would you be interested in participating?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		90.2%	37
No		9.8%	4


Overwhelming response for a desire to have an AT Share/Loan Program



# Survey – Pros of Loan/Share Program

- Types of equipment/devices
- Training for staff on equipment/devices
- Ability to try equipment before purchasing
- Get loaners of equipment if needed
- Ability to share equipment that students have outgrown
- Access to the most current AT device for borrow/lease





# Survey – Cons of Loan/Share Program

- Availability of equipment
- Long waiting list
- Liability/damage to equipment
- Repair and other costs
- Tracking devices
- Length of time for equipment use
- Training

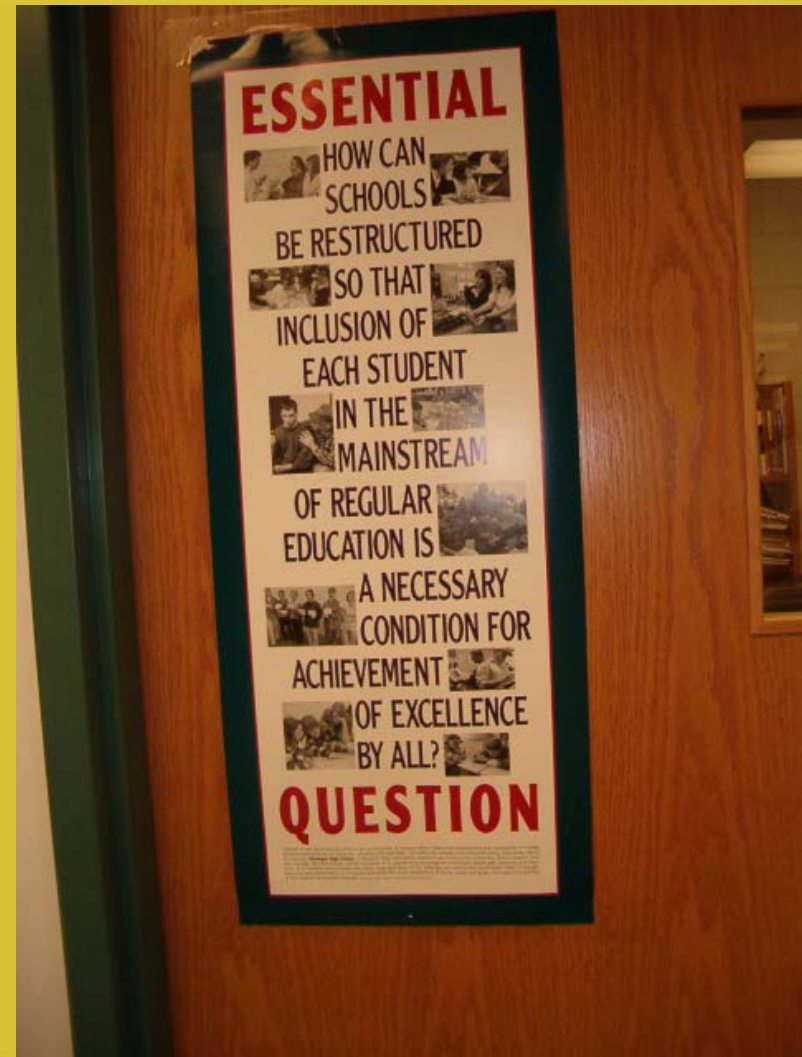
# SAU 53 Learning Circle

- Allenstown
- Chichester
- Deerfield
- Epsom
- Pembroke



# Learning Circle: Essential Question and Goals

- Special and General Education Reform that provides leadership to align general and special education
- Improvement with respect to the creation of a community of learners that is inclusive
- To encourage the use of Best Practices in Inclusive Education



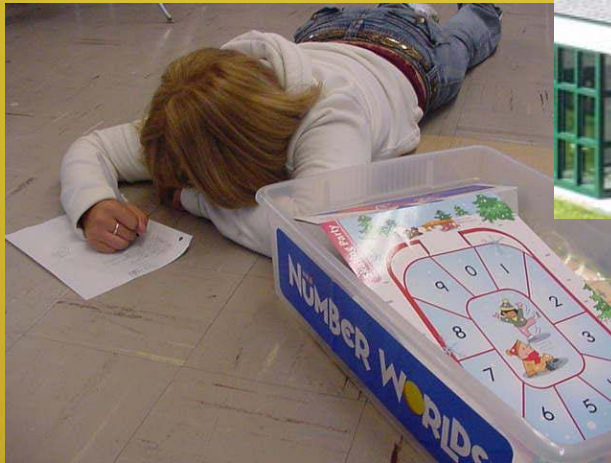
# Learning Circle Exists To:

- Support General Educators, Special Educators, and Administrators in their fulfillment of the SAU philosophy of inclusion of students while promoting their educational gain.
- Facilitate reflective practice groups around topics of interest
- Enhance knowledge of curriculum, instruction, resources, technology, assessment
- Unify the SAU by establishing greater relationship with others



# 2007-2008 Projects

- SAU Resource Center to share resources.
- HS Students helped make bookcases and adapted materials .
- SAU LC Website will link to SAU experts, websites, trainings, and other happenings



# Donated Materials Gathered and Sorted



# Labeling of Materials

- Transition student puts labels or stickers on materials.



# Template For Donated Materials

- Filled out by The Learning Circle
- Information such as:
  - Material Type
  - Title
  - Author
  - ISBN
  - Editor
  - Publisher
  - Dimensions
  - # of Pages





# Library System

- Librarian enters the items into the Pembroke Academy Library System.
- Librarian also packages and adds barcode for scanning.



# Some Included Technology

- Franklin Speller, Reading Pen
- Roller Ball
- Software (Zoom text, Stages, co writer...)
- Leo, Mini Message mates, Step by Step, Spin & Talk, Tech Speak
- Touch-screen
- Switches
- Talking photo-frames and albums
- Big Keys, adaptive mouse



# SAU 53 Loan/Share Program

- Teachers can peruse the library or order materials on line
- Materials are delivered by Inclusion Facilitator
- In future, transition students will do delivery and pick up.



# Schools to Thank

- Alton
- Andover
- Auburn
- Candia School District
- Chester
- Concord School District
- ConVal School District
- Conway
- Dover
- Epping
- Fall Mountain Regional
- Gov. Wentworth Regional
- Grantham
- Hampstead School District
- Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District
- Littleton School District
- Lyme
- Manchester School District
- Mascoma Valley Regional School District
- Merrimack Valley
- Newmarket Elementary
- Newmarket Jr Sr High
- Pittsfield School District
- Rochester Schools
- Sanborn Regional School District
- SAU 13, 18, 28, 29, 36, 38, 39, 43, 48, 50, 53 and 57
- Souhegan High School
- South Hampton School District
- Stark Village School

# Thanks

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# Vision

What if it could be like this.....

(Artwork for skit by Kestrel Cole-McCrea)

