

Special Olympics San Mateo County 2017

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Why Something New for Special Olympics?

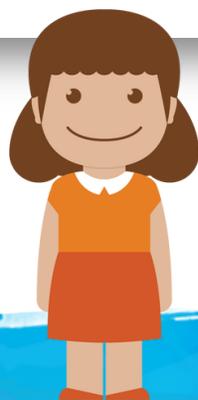
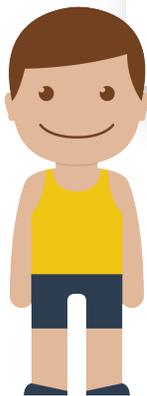
Old Model:

The SMCOE Special Olympics Coordinator position was filled by a credentialed teacher, usually an Adapted Physical Education teacher.

The SMCOE Coordinator relied on relationships with site based teachers and administrators to implement the Special Olympics events.

With the teaching shortage and the role vastly different from that of a classroom teacher, we opted to rethink our organizational structure.

The Process





Special Olympics of Northern California

“The Special Olympics Northern California Schools Partnership Program **unifies students** with and without disabilities through sports and Whole-School Involvement activities that provide them with the knowledge, experience, and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote inclusion, acceptance, and **respect for ALL students.**”

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San Mateo County Office of Education Priorities:

- Provide effective service to school districts in supporting participation of special and general education students in San Mateo County Special Olympics
- Ensure high quality event coordination, communication, and technical resources to expand in student participation

Special Olympics Priorities:

- Increase number of students served
- Outreach to focus on inclusion of Unified Sports

School District Priorities:

- Quality experiences for students to include refreshments, awards, and mementos
- Organizational structures that are transparent, easy to access, and accurate

And now....



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