

On Friday, April 28th Laurie Lewis attended the Inclusive Education Workshop sponsored by Pennsylvania's Education for All Coalition, Inc. (PEAC) in Canonsburg. The workshop discussed values, laws, and best practices. In the afternoon, Dr. Linda Rhen, the PDE Bureau Director of Special Education, gave an update regarding PDE endeavors. The workshop continued on Saturday, April 29th with a Gaskin Panel Discussion. Janine Brinkley (PDE liaison), Barbara Ransom (PILCOP staff attorney), and Joe and Lydia Gaskin spoke. We were given the list of 250 PA school districts slated for LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) monitoring within the 1st (20 school districts identified), 2nd (30 school districts identified), and 3rd (200 school districts identified) Tiers. The first tier includes those schools that showed the lowest numbers of students in regular education classrooms.

The following school districts (7/12) have been slated for LRE monitoring in Mercer County:

Commodore-Perry (3rd Tier)

Farrell (2nd Tier)

Greenville (only 1st Tier)

Jamestown (3rd Tier)

Reynolds (3rd Tier)

Sharon City (3rd Tier)

West Middlesex (3rd Tier)

(Grove City, Hermitage, Lakeview, and Mercer, and Sharpsville were **not on the list)*