

Southgate Independent Schools
April 2017 Board Meeting
Special Education/Preschool Report

1. Me & My School Update
 - Staff has been hired
 - Newport will be providing the students with lunch
 - Implementation Plan has been submitted
 - Child Find is happening now!
2. Enrollment for 2017-18
 - 26 students with IEPs (not including speech only students)
 - 3 students with 504 Accommodation Plans
 - Closely monitoring 4 students currently in Rtl
 - Students require resource and collaboration time and are spread out in grades K-8
3. Needs for 2017-18
 - We currently employ 1.8 teachers and 1 instructional assistant
I recommend special education staffing for the 2017-18 school year be 1.8 teachers and 2 instructional assistants.
 - Reasons:
 - ✓ Maximum caseload size is 15 students per teacher.
 - ✓ As per the CDIP, the focus is on increased student centered learning. Additional support will be required in the mainstreamed settings. A teacher and an instructional assistant will work as a team to provide support in grades K-4 and grades 5 – 8. I anticipate the instructional assistants providing the support as the certified teacher is in the resource setting providing instruction toward meeting IEP goals. Certified substitute teachers will only be utilized in cases of extended absences.
 - ✓ An area of need that was mentioned at the Community Collaboration Conversation was the need for additional support in the classrooms for student with special needs.
 - ✓ Southgate currently has several students with intense academic needs.
4. 2017-18 Cost Analysis for Student with Autism

Challenge - \$165,360

Cost for 3 students: \$162,000 (\$54,000 each)

Mileage: 20 miles daily per student @ .48 per mile for 175 school days for 2 families - \$3,360.00

Includes OT, PT and Speech services

Newport - \$37,176

Cost for 3 students: \$36,000 (\$12,000 each)

Mileage: 7 miles daily per student @ .48 per mile for 175 school days for 2 families - \$1,176.00

Includes: OT, PT, Speech, Music Therapy, Community Based Instruction, iPad with aps

Southgate - \$66,605

Certified Teacher & Instructional Assistant salary packages: \$62,605

OT, PT services: ~\$4,000 (Medicaid billable services)

Consider: It is an investment for the future.

5. Collaboration Preschool Grant Update
 - Canvassing Southgate will begin this weekend.
 - Hope you like your polo shirts. Wear them with pride!
 - Preschool Partnership Report due April 30. (Summary of events to date)
 - Wrap around services with Children, Inc. is really going to happen for 2017-18 school year. We have received a Memorandum of Agreement.
 - We will be applying for the Tier 2 Grant as soon as it becomes available. (up to \$150,000)

6. Civil Rights Report due April 26, 2017.