

September Board Meeting
Special Education/Preschool Report

1. 2017 Special Education Determination, as required under IDEA

Determination was received from KDE, Gretta Hylton, Division of Learning Services, "Based upon the performance of the Southgate Independent Schools during the 2015-16 school year, the district's overall 2017 Special Education is Meets Requirements."

2. Special Education Numbers as of September 11th

of students – 15

of referrals – 4

of students identified as speech only – 29

3. Screened all Kindergarten and first grade students for speech, language and hearing

Flagged 2 - 1st graders for hearing and articulation. We will proceed with referrals.

4. Reading is now in place in grades K-8

Two years ago, the Board awarded special education with dropout prevention grant money. That money was used to purchase the **Barton Reading and Spelling Program** which is being used in grades K-4. This program is Orton Gillingham based and meets the students' needs on an individual basis. Kids are making phenomenal growth. Building upon this success, this week, we purchased the **Read 180** program. **Read 180** is the leading blended learning intervention program building reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, and writing skills for struggling students in Grades 4 and up.

5. Preschool

We are off to a great start. We currently have 27 students. The classroom looks awesome and is a fun and engaging! We will begin the Book of the Week Program after Fall Break.

6. Update on Newport Contract

One of the families attending a resource class in Newport Primary will be moving. They purchased a house in Williamstown, which is closer to the dad's place of employment. They have closed and will be moving within the next month. I have already contacted the DoSE in Williamstown to help with the transition. We will still have 2 students in the Newport Primary School.

7. Disappointing news.....

I had written a grant last spring to extend the Book of the Week Program into Kindergarten. Unfortunately, it was not granted. Apparently there were over 2,500 applicants. I will continue to look for a funding.