

## **September 2018 Board Meeting Special Education & Preschool Report**

1. Preschool began Tuesday after Labor Day. There are 26 students enrolled in the program. There are 8 students enrolled in Children, Inc.
2. The preschool playground renovation is completed and the Preschool section in the library have been completed. The Book of the Week Program will begin in October with a kick off parent night to introduce the program to the parents.
3. Advertising for the Little Lion Preschool will begin soon. Little Lions up to age 3, and their parents, will be invited to participate in preschool for 1 hour the second Friday of each month. Preschool staff will facilitate literacy activities and families will leave with a book and activities to complete at home.
4. There are currently 21 Students with IEPs in learning in grades K-8. The number of students with speech IEP's is 34 and will see a slight increase as student in kindergarten and first grade are being screened for possible speech/language delay  
\*These numbers are within the KDE maximum caseload requirements.
5. I am continuing to watch the increasing number of students identified with autism that are moving into the district. We have 2 students in Newport, 3 in preschool, 1 in kindergarten, and 1 in first grade. Newport's unit is full and they will not accept additional students. It may be time to consider creating a unit for next year.
6. Southgate's Medicaid application for the 2018-19 school year has been approved. Service providers will continue to bill for services.
7. I did apply for the Preschool Partnership Grant Tier 3. Awards were to be announced on Sept 10 but I have been informed it may not be until the end of next week!