

Southgate Board of Education Meeting

Special Education & Preschool Report

July 2023

1. Me and My School just completed their 12 days in June. 8 students have participated. The kids are having a great time and learning a lot. They will be ready for kindergarten.
2. I have attached the Memorandum of Understanding with Aunt Kathy's childcare. They are our partner in the PPG, providing full time services for preschool age children. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year partnering with them.
3. Michaela Ware has been hired as the new Speech Language Pathologist. She is a new graduate of UC and a former student of Southgate.
4. I have been interviewing candidates for the MSD and LBD classrooms, as well as para educators. I anticipate having the positions filled by the end of July.
5. Marlene Jones and I have submitted the end of the year state reports, including indicators 11, 12, & 13, the Discipline Verification, and the Exiting Verification.
6. Students with special needs require related services for occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision support, psychological evaluations, and behavioral therapy. I am requesting approval for the following related service contracts for the 2023-2024 school year:
  - Fast Forward Psychological Associates
  - Pediatric Therapy Specialists DBA Powerhouse
  - Speech/Language Services, LCC
  - Cindy Goetz, VI Consultant
  - Keys for Success
7. Marlene and I are working with a contractor to install shade tarp over the courtyard area. It will be financed by First Church and the Preschool Partnership Grant.
8. We were notified by KDE that based on the performance review of Southgate Independent School District Preschool Program; the district's overall 2023 Annual Preschool Program Determination is Meets Requirements.