

Southgate Board of Education Meeting
Preschool Director & DoSE's Board Report
September 2023



1. By law, Southgate must submit the local Head Start Memorandum of Agreement. Signing this agreement ensures that we will maintain a meaningful partnership to promote school readiness so eligible families are served in a coordinated, high-quality system.
2. Ms. Adamson will begin administering the Brigance Kindergarten Readiness Assessment during September. I will share scores when I receive them.
3. Preschool will began on Tuesday, September 5th. There are 26 students enrolled in preschool.
4. The Preschool Cub School Program will begin on October 6th, 2023.
5. The vehicle to transport our students to the Regional School Program has been purchased and transportation will begin this month.
6. We currently have 32 students who receive special education services here at Southgate, with an additional 4 at RSP.
7. The student make-up of the MSD classroom this year presents with much more significant needs and behavior concerns than last year. I am requesting an increase in staffing allocations for this classroom due to the increased needs of the students in the classroom.

I've had 2 separate behavior specialists do site visits to the classroom and offer their expertise and suggestions to help manage behavior. Both suggested the current students in the room need one on one support in order to manage behavior and help them be successful.

Both specialists also noted the need for a sensory room to provide a space for the students to self-regulate and get the needed sensory input. We are in the process of creating a sensory room to serve our MSD students. An initial order of sensory items has been completed, and we will continue to add other items to the space.