November 2023 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

Special education teachers have been given the opportunity to attend the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children Conference again in Louisville. The conference is being held at the Galt House from November 19-21.

Record Reviews are underway to prepare for a monitoring visit from KDE in January.

An Assistive Technology conference is being held in January that the DoSE and SLP will be attending.

December 1 Child Count is underway. Final numbers are due to KDE by December 4th which define IDEA funding for the following school year.

Early Childhood Services

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 89 books a month home to infants and toddlers.

Hear our ROAR weekly book program continues. We send home 53 books each week, tied to the weekly theme and what students are learning, to build their own home libraries.

Preschool teachers will be attending the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children Conference again in Louisville.

December 1 Child Count is underway. Final numbers are due to KDE by December 4th which define IDEA funds for preschool for the following school year, and the first part of the funding calculation for state preschool funds. The second part of this calculation will be the March 1 preschool count.

English Learners

NKCES is providing services for our English Learners.

GES: 3 students

BHS: 5 students

Gifted and Talented

Please see attached report.

Grants

KyCL grant is going strong with teacher training, district literacy team meetings, etc. Scholastic will remain our partner for the 2023-2024 school year for K-12. In addition, teachers are being presented with the opportunity to participate in the LETRS training. Presented by Lexia Learning, the continuum of ECLETRS and LETRS in a professional learning course for instructors of reading, spelling and associated language skills. This training provides knowledge and skills in the area of literacy that can be used with any reading program. A no cost extension will be pursued by the state department which will extend the use of the funds by one year.

GEERS grants supported the salary of the Mental Health Specialists in each building as well as family engagement opportunities. These funds were spent by September 30, 2023 and final reports are due by the end of October. Final reports have been submitted.

Preschool Partnership Grant supports a full day preschool option with a focus on the social and emotional health of our youngest Tigers. Aunt Kathy’s is open at GES Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is the final year of funding for this particular grant.

MAF grant awarded to the district is supporting the work of a GES math coach. The grant requires the coach to be enrolled in courses through the University of Louisville to become an expert in math content and coaching and modeling for teachers on best practices for math instruction. This is the final year of funding for this particular grant.

The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) grant work has allowed the district to purchase a new evidence-based curriculum for social emotional learning from preschool through twelfth grades. Next steps include the purchase of a districtwide SEL screener and the formation of the I3 Advisory Board. This work is now being led by Vanessa Kuhn. This grant was awarded on September 22, 2022 and will generate $375,000 per year for the next five years.

The JustGrants submission for school safety equipment has been submitted. Notice of Award was posted earlier this month. Bellevue is not on the list of recipients.

The Full Service Community Schools Grant has been submitted for a multi-district proposal which will provide $15,000,000 over the next five years to create a true community school approach to learning. Bellevue, Dayton and Southgate are partnering in this effort and Bellevue Independent Schools will be the fiscal agent. If awarded, activities within the grant include: each school receiving one additional reading and math interventionist, the installation of a health clinic at GES staffed by a nurse practitioner, the purchase of a bus/van to convert to a mobile preschool classroom, funds to hire a nutrition specialist who will work with cafeteria staff in preparing more fresh foods and a social worker for each district whose main focus is to reduce chronic absenteeism by identifying the barriers and helping families remove and overcome them. Award announcement is expected in December.