February 2024 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

An Assistive Technology conference was so informative. It has me thinking about ways to incorporate technology into classrooms in a more inclusive way. Meeting with Mr. Seward to discuss options and possibilities on how to move forward.

KDE was on site January 29th for a compliance review. Two people from the state department spent the day interviewing select people to include as part of our report. Before they left, both had positive feedback to share about our special education staff, administrators and district as a whole. I am due to receive the report by 2/16.

Special Education staff is coming together for an ERD on 2/21 to review the KDE report. This is our window of opportunity to review any findings from the state and look for errors to send back to them for correction.

Early Childhood Services

Preschool held screenings last month and scheduled an individual one for a possible new student on 2/16. Enrollment holding steady.

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 52 books each week, tied to the weekly theme and what students are learning, to build their own home libraries.

Tiger Tots Academy is being announced! This will be held for 4 weeks (2 before spring break and 2 after). The event will be held on Thursday evenings from 5-7 at Grandview Elementary. This new program will take the place of prior evening parent education events for families with children, birth to age five.

English Learners

NKCES is providing services for our English Learners.

GES: 3 students

BHS: 5 students

ACCESS testing has been completed.

Gifted and Talented

Please see attached report.

Monthly GT meetings topics include: early entrance into kindergarten, website development, potential funds for visiting artists for GT identification, budget reviews and referral systems and norms.

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.

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.