

## **Special Education and Pupil Services Monthly School Board Report**

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**Our Vision:** Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.

**Our Mission:** Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening, and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and refer all young children with disabilities who require an Early Intervention Program. School districts are required to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities within their attendance area. On August 22nd, October 18th, and January 16th we held our annual Child Development Day(s) at the elementary school. We had 14 children participate in screening for speech and language development, fine motor skills, and overall early childhood development. Information was also provided to families who attended, and each child went home with a new book!

Our state testing windows for the DLM, Forward Exam, and ACT Aspire are just around the corner. I will be working with our school assessment coordinators to ensure each of our special education students will receive the appropriate accommodations and supports. Accommodations and supports are practices and procedures that provide equitable access and are intended to reduce or eliminate the effects of a student's disability. The accommodations or supports provided to a student must be consistent with classroom instruction.