



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

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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.

In March, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction suspended Reading Drives Achievement: Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment verification activities to allow LEAs to focus on more pressing tasks. The department staff has investigated whether the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations permitted the department any flexibility in terms of waiving the verification requirements for the 2019-20 school year. The department has been unable to find any flexibility, and current guidance from the U.S. Department of Education indicates the department must make reasonable attempts to comply with the requirements. I will be working with our department of public instruction contact to complete our self-assessment.

On May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education issued final regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Under Title IX, discrimination on the basis of sex includes sexual harassment and sexual violence, such as rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion. Such discrimination and harassment may be committed by or between students and employees. I will be reviewing the new regulations along with our current policies and procedures to ensure that we are in compliance. The new regulations are effective on August 14, 2020.