



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.

Districts are required to report on Indicator 8, Family Engagement Survey: Supporting Students with IEPs, once every five years, and we are in a procedural compliance year. Each district is required to have a response total that is predetermined by DPI to be sufficiently representative. Districts not meeting their response requirement will implement the family engagement survey the following school year. Indicator 8 is an improvement indicator assessing family engagement among families of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Indicator 8 reads, “Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.” I will be sending our families of students with IEPs information on how to complete the required information and the survey window will close by July 1, 2019.

We currently contract our school psychology services through CESA 5, and for the 2018-2019 school year, we contracted for 38 days, with that individual being on site one time per week. The school psychologist who would have worked in Pittsville resigned last June, and they were unable to fill that vacancy. The person hired to fill those contracted days does not have a school psychologist license and CESA 5 has been providing one on an “as needed” basis. This led to conversations with Mr. Figueroa

to explore other options to meet our school's needs. There are licensed psychologists who administer, score and write a report for intellectual, academic or any neuropsychological assessment instruments at an hourly rate and I have been in contact with them to work with us for the 2019-2020 school year.