



# 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.

The Dynamic Learning Maps assessment measures the academic progress of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in the subject areas of ELA and Mathematics at grades 3-11, Science at grades 4 and 8-11, and in Social Studies at grades 4, 8, and 10. Instruction for these students is based upon the Wisconsin Essential Elements and aligns with the Wisconsin Academic Standards. All of the students who were determined to meet the criteria to be assessed using the Dynamic Learning Maps have completed their testing.

Based on the five-year self-assessment cycle, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction notifies Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in the spring when they are required to conduct the self-assessment in the upcoming school year. We are in a compliance year and will need to conduct our self-assessment by November 15, 2019. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is responsible for creating and implementing methods to ensure LEAs comply with requirements of state and federal special education laws. One of the ways the department fulfills this responsibility is by developing monitoring directions and standards to assess an LEA's compliance with selected requirements in these laws. Before conducting the self-assessment, LEA staff assigned to review student records must complete a training and eCourse. The training is designed to develop an understanding of how to assess each monitoring standard.

For the 2019 - 2020 school year, we will hold our Child Development Day screener on three separate dates. They will take place on Thursday, August 22nd from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM; Friday, October 25th from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM; and Thursday, January 16th from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. We will be holding the screener in the elementary building to utilize our facilities and provide an opportunity for our families to see the environment that their child will be working in.