

# **Special Services Building Report**

**For: May 12, 2020**

## **Board Meeting**

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### **Special Education Activities**

- Guidance from The OPI for students with special services during COVID-19 remote learning is “good faith effort”. The OPI has acknowledged that meeting learners’ minute for minute during this time of crisis is not rationally possible, and requires that districts make an effort in good faith in providing services through virtual meetings, telephone calls and paper packets as needed. The Browning Public Schools SpEd Staff have been making daily calls to their students and guardians, providing therapy and lessons through Google Meet and developing packets that align with individual student Individual Educational Plan goals and objectives.
- There are weekly meetings with The OPI on Thursday mornings at 8:00AM for SpEd Directors across the state. Meetings are designed to answer questions, provide information from OSEP on federal guidelines and changes. Below are links that are updated weekly with SpEd Director meeting information and new guidance for school leaders.

#### **US Department of Education Website:**

- [COVID-19 \(“Coronavirus”\) Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel \[ed.gov\]](#)

#### **Montana Office Of Public Instruction**

- [OPI COVID-19-Information](#)
- The local Special Olympics Coordinator has shared that Spring Special Olympics scheduled May 12-16 have been cancelled.

