

Memo

To: Michael Robey, Ed. D., Superintendent

From: Kennedi Strickland-Dixon, Ed. S.

CC: Board of Education

Date: 07/31/12

Re: Special Education Update

Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action (PLCCA)

Each year, District 89 meets with PLCCA just before the academic year begins to discuss plans for our special needs students who are enrolled in PLCCA's Head Start program. This year's meeting will take place on Aug. 8. School districts are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to participate in activities in the community to identify students, ages 3-5, who may be eligible for special education services. To comply, District 89 provides three early childhood screenings per year.

As a Pre-School for All provider, PLCCA is mandated by the state to have procedures in place to identify students in need of special education services. PLCCA's Disabilities Coordinator works collaboratively with District 89's Special Education Early Childhood Coordinator. District 89 provides PLCCA with a schedule of screening dates and deadlines to ensure cohesive collaboration, in accordance with state mandates. In addition to PLCCA, District 89 distributes information about the yearly screenings to all of the pre-school providers in the area.