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Jordan School District #0717 Special Services Department Update:

Improve Student Achievement, Learning and Career and College Readiness:

- Summer targeted services programming wrapped up on Thursday, July 23, 2026. Our summer SEL staff did an amazing job in providing quality services and supports this summer.
- I have been communicating with new and current staff throughout the summer. Staff have worked on student schedules and casually reviewed their caseloads. I have seen some new teachers excited to get a “jump” into this new school year.
- I have been working hard on back-to-school workshop week special services updates, new regulations, etc. to ensure our staff is ready for what is expected of schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

Improve Community Connection, Satisfaction, and Engagement

- In August, I will meet and talk to the principal at St. John's. We will discuss our non-public agreement on the proportionate share and special services for students who attend St. John's.
- The Special Services Department is continuing to work on hiring paraprofessionals for JES, JMS, and JHS for the 26-27 School Year.

Provide a safe and collaborative culture in which to learn and work

- District department and building meeting schedules have been set for this school year. Special education staff has been working hard on student schedules and preparing for the start of the school year!
- This summer I have been working on ways to improve our paraprofessional support guidance to help provide more clarity for our teachers and leadership.
- This school year, I will be creating and working on an IEP manual for our special education staff.

OUR MISSION

Inspire a caring community to ignite
learning, innovation, and success for all!

Be Fiscally Responsible and Maintain Quality Facilities

- Amy Hafemann and I have been meeting weekly to go over our 26-27 special education budget to ensure we are utilizing our special education dollars appropriately.
- Amy, Claire, and I will be meeting with Benjamin Bus Co. on our special transportation requests for the 26-27 school year. Staff from Benjamin Bus Co. will be working on setting up routes for the start of the 26-27 school year.
- Amy and I have been working on submitting our MEGS applications for CEIS funds for the 26-27 school year.
- I have been working on the 25-26 ADSIS data to meet the requirements by MDE for the ADSIS grant.