

Special Education Board Report
February 10, 2018

Wendy accepted a letter of retirement from Suzette Stenfors which stated her last day of work to be February 28th. Suzette has done a wonderful job working with our students over the past 30 years at the DIISD. We truly appreciate her dedication to the students and our department. We wish the best in her retirement!

We posted internally for an Instructional Aide due to Suzette's pending retirement but no applicants applied and therefore, we have the position posted externally with a closing date of February 15th. We are requesting the board approves us to temporarily hire for this position, pending full board approval at the March 14th board meeting, so we can have someone in place by March 1st.

The Knights of Columbus presented our department with a check of \$5,447.56 to use for activities with our students. We so appreciate the continued support from the K of C. This money is used for outings, field trips and special classroom activities that would not otherwise be possible without their support.

We have the UP Special Education Conference at NMU on February 22nd and 23rd. This is a great opportunity for all special education teachers, therapists, administrators, parents and general education teachers to gain professional development in a variety of areas of special education. The majority of our teachers and therapists from our ISD attend the conference. Our department is paying the registration fee for any special education staff from the local districts that attend the conference.

Happy Valentine's Day!!