

**Special Education Department
Board Report
April 10, 2019**

We applied for an additional day of “forgiven time” for CI and ECSE programs. We were notified on March 25th that MDE approved our request. Therefore, at this time we do not need to make up any additional days due to inclement weather.

We have a request to bring to the board for unpaid leave for Patty Sholander on May 3, May 6, and May 7. Patty has an event to attend out of state.

We received Sharon Davis’ request for the ERI on March 8th. Wendy will be bringing that to the board for approval. The board approved Sharon’s request to retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year at our March board meeting.

We are sending four staff members to become trainers in Handle with Care Behavior Management System at MARESA in Marquette on April 15-17. We currently have three staff members trained in CPI-Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training but feel that Handle with Care will better meet the needs of our staff and the local schools. Under the Restraint & Seclusion Laws, we need to have staff that can provide this training for our local districts’ staff and also, for our ISD staff. We offer the training at least 2-3 times per school year. We do not charge the local districts anything for this training.

Our DIISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee is hosting a training on April 23rd on Transition Programming at 5:30 p.m. at the ISD administrative building. Michigan Alliance for Families is putting on the training.

Tricia has completed all of the formal observations on the ancillary staff and will be completing the annual evaluations by the end of May. The two first year staff members will have their evaluations completed by April 1st per the contract.

We are all looking forward to spring break and hopefully, both students and staff will return refreshed and ready to tackle the end of the year rush!

Think Spring!!