

## **Special Education Department Board Report**

We have the quotes on the playground equipment from Landscape Structures and for the ground cover and installation from Penchura. We are requesting the board to approve these purchases to allow our students access to handicap accessible playground equipment at the Norway-Vulcan and Forest Park Schools. Lisa has consulted with administrators at both school districts who are in support of these updates. If the board approves the purchase, we should have the new equipment installed and ready to go at the start of the 2018-19 school year. These purchases will come out of Capital Projects. We are hoping to add some equipment to the Woodland playground for our classroom that is housed there during the summer of 2019.

We have twenty special education staff members registered to attend UP MACUL at Kingsford High School on May 4th. This is a great opportunity for professional development right in our area.

We are hosting an Alt-shift Training on May 16th at our ISD. Our department is covering the registration cost for the local schools to send their assistive technology teams. This is a wonderful opportunity to have this training offered right at our ISD. Sara Pericolosi assisted in getting the training opportunity here. We appreciate her efforts! It has been our goal to support the local districts in establishing teams at each of their schools to support the AT needs of their students and this training will provide much needed training to support this goal. We have all of our local districts participating in this training.