

Special Services Building Report

For: December 17, 2019

Board Meeting

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Special Education Activities

- Montana Autism Project Training ~ I participated in the Montana Autism Project Training presented by OPI. Some very interesting facts were shared that are impacting Special Education Programs with an increase of students identified as autistic. Since the 2011-12 Statewide Child Count there has been a growth rate of 12% for school aged children identified as autistic. Statewide numbers for 2011-12 school year was 16,032 students, and for 2018-19 school year, 19,389, that is a 3,357 student increase in 8 years. Our district is also feeling this increase as the need for PCA's and specialized trainings are on the rise at Browning Public Schools.
- MANDT training will be Friday, December 13, 2019. It is a full 8hr training to receive certification, all new PCA's and selected other individuals will be part of the training.
- Thanksgiving celebrations were prepared and shared in Mrs. Schaff's and Mrs. Whitegrass's rooms at Browning Public schools on November 26. Great food, wonderful conversation and spectacular art work were shared. I was honored to be part of such a special day for some of our students that are part of the Life Skills Program at Browning Public Schools
- The Special Education Department will have a Christmas Open House, Wednesday, December 18th beginning at 11:00 AM. The team at the Special Education Administration Building would like to extend an invitation to the members of the Browning Public Schools Board of Education, to stop in and take a minute to celebrate the holiday with the Special Education Team!