

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

June 13, 2011

Subject:

ECSE Open Enrollment

Presenter:

Joy Kieffer

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Resolution will be presented at the June 28 meeting for approval

DESCRIPTION:

Case loads are defined in Minnesota Statute 3525.

- Birth to age 3 (Part C)
- Three to five (Part B)

MDE was monitored by the Office of Special Education Programs in 2007. In the corrective action plan, MDE changed eligibility criteria for Part C children with the intent that more children would be identified bringing Minnesota in line with other states. Case load limitations remained the same, necessitating an increase in special education staffing in ECSE.

Minnesota districts continue efforts to meet compliance with MDE expectations in identification.

During 2010-11 an additional 58 students meet initial criteria in ECSE. We have another 17 (ages 3-5) children already scheduled to begin the assessment process in September.

Districts are mandated to identify Part C children year-round.

Districts are required to provide special education services to eligible children who reside in the district. If children attend a day care in the district, for the purposes of ECSE, the district where the day care is provided is required to also provide ECSE services.

Once students are identified as eligible for ECSE services, the district enrolls the eligible students. This is the only population in the 0-pre-kindergarten group that is considered enrolled students.

Closing open enrollment will only impact families who reside in another district and who do not attend a day care within the BHM boundaries.

ATTACHMENT(S):