



# CHELSEA

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

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**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Lisa Nickel  
**Re:** April Board Report  
**Date:** 4/1/25

### ***Special Education:***

- Spring testing begins April 9th. Materials arrived over spring break and have all been inventoried to be delivered to the buildings. Thanks to Andrea Franco, Adam Shilt, Michelle Hilla and Ryan and his tech team, we are ready for the testing season!
- A special thank you to my support team - Mara Kelly, Mollie McConnell, Kristin Krarup-Joyce, Darren Embury, Diane Jordan and Jaimie Jackson - for filling in gaps and providing services for the students who have a service provider on leave. Their teamwork has been amazing and allows us to remain compliant as we cover services for the remainder of the year.
- The paraprofessional PD day is completely virtual and offers a wide range of topics from [Michigan Virtual](#) and [The Iris Center](#). By having this day be all virtual, it removes the barrier of childcare and also addresses the individual requests for certain topics.

### ***Early Childhood:***

- The preschool staff will also have professional development on April 21st. Topics will include trauma informed instruction, [ACES](#), and [CLASS](#).
- Preschool enrollment is going very well. We have several sections close to being filled already. GSRP enrollment is also looking good. The state will allow over income families to be accepted into the program without a sliding scale this year although their acceptance can not happen until the last Thursday in August to ensure that the neediest families are accepted first.
- We are in the planning stages for our end of year events with our most important one - preschool graduation! We will also host an end of year cookout and picnic for all families who attend our programs.

Respectfully,

Lisa Nickel, Director of Special Education and Early Childhood