

**Special Education Department  
Board Report  
May 7, 2019**

We are looking into purchasing and installing some additional playground equipment for our students at Woodland Elementary and Bates Township School. We are estimating that the total purchase will be over \$10,000. The cost should not exceed \$20,000. We have money in capital projects for this purchase if needed. We are still determining what pieces of playground equipment will be most appropriate for each site.

When you are here for the board meeting, please take a walk around the building to enjoy the art showcase created by our students from our Willis CI Classroom. Connie Smith (Occupational Therapist) led this project with the students and both Larry Benz (CI Teacher), and Sara Pericolosi (Speech Therapist) along with the classroom aides assisted the students throughout the school year with their artwork. You can also view the art showcase on the DIISD Facebook page.

Lisa Anderson and several of our staff are organizing another trip to Bay Cliff this month. They are planning to take twelve students from both our local districts and the ISD programs. The dates for the camp are May 15th-17th. We are fortunate to have staff that are willing to take time out of their busy schedules and home commitments to ensure that these students have a wonderful camp experience. The staff that are attending the camp are Lisa Anderson, Jessica Clarke, Holly Kivioja, Rhonda Colberg, Whitney Beauchamp, Elise Nueuns, Katie Cherney, and Jill Perpich,

Jean Bosley submitted her letter of intent to retire at the end of this school year. Jean has worked in our CI Programs as an instructional aide for the past 14 years. We request that the board accept her request to retire with regret. We will miss her but wish her the very best in retirement.

Lisa Anderson provided a training for the Iron County first responders about autism and individuals with disabilities. After the training, the children in our Iron County CI program visited with the first responders and were able to explore their vehicles. It was a great experience for everyone. Lisa is hoping to do a similar training in Dickinson County. Below is a picture from that day!

