

Memo

To: Superintendent Michael Robey, Ed.D.

From: Kennedi Strickland-Dixon, Ed.S.

CC: Board of Education

Date: July 17, 2012

Re: Special Education Update

Special Education 2012-13 Enrollment Information

During the week of July 9, 2012, parents of children placed in self-contained classrooms received a placement with information about registration. Due to the District's efforts to move forward with inclusion, the Special Education Department reduced the number of special education classrooms from 16 classes to 12. As a result of the decrease in classrooms, some of the placements for the students changed from their 2011-12 placement school. Parents have been advised to contact the Director of Special Education with any questions or concerns they have about the placement information they have received.

Registration for Returning Early Childhood Students

Registration for students returning to the Early Childhood Program at Roosevelt School will take place July 16, 17, 18, and 19 at the District Office from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Chicago State Cohort

The cohort established for individuals to receive a Master's Degree in Special Education has successfully completed the requirements necessary to pursue employment in the field of special education. As a result of the cohort, District 89 has been able to address the shortage of special education teachers by establishing a cadre of individuals on staff certified to teach special education in addition to their general education endorsements. In addition to positions in District 89, students completing the program have secured teaching positions in Chicago and other local school districts.