



Niles Township District for Special Education #807
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January 9, 2026

Ms. Bridget Connolly
Asst. Superintendent for Special Education & Student Services
7700 Gross Point Rd.
Skokie, IL 60077

Dear Ms. Connolly,

I am writing to formally notify you of an upcoming programmatic change within Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE) that will affect the enrollment of high school-aged students from District 219 in our public therapeutic day school, the Molloy Education Center.

As you are aware, although District 219 withdrew from NTDSE in 2005, we have continued to serve your students at the Molloy Education Center since that time. Over the past five years, however, enrollment from our nine elementary member districts has increased significantly. This growth has created ongoing space and capacity challenges, despite extensive efforts over the past two years to identify and secure alternative facilities to support expansion.

After careful review and discussion, the NTDSE Governing Board voted at its December meeting to transition the Molloy Education Center to an elementary-focused school that meets the needs of our member districts. As a result, NTDSE will no longer accept out-of-district high school students, effective at the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

To ensure a transition that focuses on the success of our students, NTDSE will:

- Continue to serve all currently enrolled high school students through Extended School Year (ESY) services, as applicable.
- Allow students who have fewer than two years of school eligibility remaining at the start of the transition to complete their educational programming at our school.

We recognize that this decision may require long-term planning on the part of District 219, and we are committed to collaborating during the transition period to support students and families in identifying appropriate future placements.

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Please feel free to contact me directly if you would like to discuss this change further or coordinate transition planning for the impacted students.

Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tarin L. Kendrick".

Tarin L. Kendrick
Executive Director

c: Thomas Moore, D219 Superintendent