## UNITY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

2024



Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires school districts to identify, locate, and evaluate children with disabilities who may be in need of special education services. Child Find helps ensure that all children, regardless of their disability, receive appropriate educational services and support to help them succeed in school. By actively seeking out and identifying children who may have disabilities, school districts can provide early intervention and support services to address any potential learning difficulties or challenges.

The Department of Public Instruction recommends the use of an informed Referral Network comprised of community partners working together to identify and serve young children and their families. Forming relationships and working with solid partners have proven to be the most effective practices in identifying children with disabilities. Partners help screen and provide information about community resources. Community partners can also refer children who may have a disability and a need for special education. At Unity, most referrals for early services come from families, medical and mental health providers, county and tribal agencies, Head Start, LEAP, and Early Learning Days. All children entering PK next school year are invited to Early Learning Days on March 13 and 14 from 3:30 pm to 7:30pm . Child Find screening occurs and evaluation referrals for Special Education are likely to come from this event.

## UNITY EMENTARY EARLY LEARNING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 14 TIME: 3:30PM-7:00PM

LOCATION: UNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FREE DINNER!



SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY UPDATE

- Opened February 28
- 12 % Response Rate
- after one week (18
- completed surveys) Closes June 30