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To: Dr. Dave Palzet, Superintendent
From: Sara Poplawski, Director of Student Services
Date: June 10, 2026
RE: Student Services Program Overview

This year the Student Services department supported 279 students through the variety of services and programming offered in Pleasantdale. We continued to implement McKinney Vento services, Home Hospital services, Early Intervention transition to preschool and Early Childhood services, English Language Learners and Bilingual services, Section 504 Plan services/support, and Special Education services/support to meet the needs of the students that qualify within the Pleasantdale School District. In alignment with state and federal laws, Pleasantdale continually identifies and supports students requiring services beyond general education.

McKinney Vento and Home Hospital Services (Homebound Instruction) -

McKinney Vento supports students in temporary living situations or experiencing homelessness by providing access to transportation, school supplies, free lunch service and waiver of fees. Homebound Instruction services provide instruction to students who are unable to attend school for various reasons.

Early Intervention and Preschool -

Pleasantdale partners with multiple Early Intervention (EI) Coordinators to transition students from EI to preschool. This includes conducting evaluations or continued services provided by Pleasantdale starting on the student's third birthday. Pleasantdale preschool program, along with LADSE, met the needs of 45 students ranging from 3-5 years old during the 25-26 school year.

English Language Learners -

Pleasantdale has 18 home languages represented within our EL population; our largest populations being supported are Serbian-speaking and Macedonian-speaking during the 25-26 school year.

Section 504 -

Pleasantdale supported 51 students under Section 504. These students have a diagnosed disability (or are regarded as having a disability) that substantially limits one or more major life activities, which may include learning and attending in school. These supports include accommodations within the classroom and/or for assessments, and may include support from the social worker, OT, or PT.

Special Education -

Pleasantdale School District provides a continuum of services to meet all of our student's unique learning needs. These services include general education with support from a resource teacher or speech pathologist for small portions of their week, co-taught support for within the general education curriculum, extended resource support for replacement curriculum, LADSE programming, or therapeutic day school for more intensive supports.