

Director of Special Education Board Report

January 2026

We are completing an ISBE review for special education. So far, we have submitted most of the documents requested and filled out a district overview. We have sent in 9 of the 10 IEPs being reviewed by our district and ISBE. This review is new and appears to be on a 4-year cycle for the state. We look forward to having this completed this week and get our feedback from the state.

Our new staff member is doing well at Bluffview. Our team at Bluffview has done a great job of supporting her in this new position. We also had a teacher transfer from one position to a vacant position. She is doing great, and once again, our team is supporting her very well.

Currently, the district has our Excess Cost calculation open. Now that we have the AFR, we have started working on this project. Showing Excess Cost has an impact on our IDEA FT and IDEA PreK grant money.

It is fairly normal for us to have move-in and move-out students with IEPs at the end of the semester. This is the case this year, and the staff does a good job of getting these students started with services.

Due to an additional drop of funds into our grants, we were able to purchase some additional items for PreK and our instructional classrooms. Such as playground equipment, enlarged screen Chromebooks, and a few iPads.