

**Manistee Intermediate School District  
Special Education Director Report**

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Department: Special Education

Month/Year: October, 2014

Below is a report of progress on our goals, for this month, as they relate to my program. Note highlighted areas for desired action or key dates to remember.

**Manistee ISD will provide services**

**that will improve teaching and learning:**

- I will be introducing our new special education staff at this month's board meeting. They are: Melanie Hook, School Psychologist, Megan Wilson, SCI classroom teacher, Lauren Hill, speech therapist, Jamey Self, speech therapist and Tim Nolan, Older MoCI classroom teacher. They are all wonderful additions to our special education staff and I look forward to working closely with them. We were very fortunate to be able to find such capable and competent individuals.
- KND will be having their second MTSS Implementation Team meeting this week. They are off to a great start with support from our MTSS coordinator, Jennifer Taranko. I will be inviting her to present at one of our board meetings to further explain this process. MTSS is the Multi-tiered System of Supports.
- I met with Peter Schaafsma, our Assistive Technology (AT) consultant for special education. He will be contracting with us for two days per month for the school year. He will be consulting with teachers, ISD staff, will attend IEP's when appropriate and will be a member of the AT team that completes the AT evaluation. Bill Cunningham, special education teacher at KND, will be our AT rep on the Region 1 AT work group.
- Our classroom numbers continue to increase. Over the past 30 years our numbers have stayed consistently at 35-40. They are now at 67!

**To assist local districts to comply with local, state and federal mandates:**

- I have been working closely with MAPS on a special education Due Process complaint brought against them from a parent. We are working with our special education attorney throughout this time consuming process.