

## **Special Education Board Report: December 2018**

**Special Education Strategic Planning Goals:** The document attached to this title contains the goals that resulted from the Strategic Plan session. Included are the tentative timelines as well. I will be updating the Superintendent and Principal group monthly. As these goals drop off we will start the process over and gather input again.

**State Conversation Guide:** The State has continued to move forward with setting up the new monitoring system. The guide contains 8 sections with a total of 37 indicators that we must develop a system around. This system must be used to monitor districts in a rotation. The State has released a **rubric** that they would like the ISD's to use to classify the local districts. Then based on the rubric develop support plans for each district.

**School Social Work position:** When we added a TC to the SSW department we had hoped that this staff person could take enough Tier 1 general education support from the Social Work group providing direct services. Our TC has a full schedule with behavior needs in the general education classrooms but our special education need for direct services is still increasing. As a result we are in need of another School Social Worker in the county. The total number of students being serviced right now is 72. Our EI program needs a dedicated SSW at least two full days a week. Another addition this year was the 0 to 3 program. One SSW has this group as half of their position. With all of the mental health concerns and the rise in Autism numbers we continue to need more support in this department.

**Greenfield:**

We have had an exciting month of December!! Greenfield staff and students have been busy planning our annual Holiday Party. **This is planned for Thursday, December 20th from 12:00-3:00.** We will have Will Carlton band/choir coming to sing Christmas Carols, food, Santa, parents, and community members. Please come join us!!

On December 10th, Greenfield participated in the annual A.M.P Concert (All Music is Power). This group from West Michigan entertained us with Christmas music and other classic rock ballads. The kids had a great time!! This group comes to Greenfield and Tarrant Center in Jackson County.



On December 11th, Greenfield hosted a “Life After 26” presentation for parents. Shannon Clevenger from Lifeways, Tricia Bortell from Disability Connections, Londa Aube from Respite/CLS, Betsy Clark from DHS/Adult Services, and Tammy Ryan from Spark attended this event to speak with parents on options for piecing together services for their student once they age out of our HCISD Programs. We had a good turn out, and parents appreciated the information to begin planning for this scary transition.

Greenfield programs are also running their classroom businesses!! Emily Buelow, teacher of the Young Adult Program (YAP), and her students are busy making “Yappy Inspirations” for you!! If you are interested in these hand-made, one-of-a-kind items, please contact Emily Buelow: [emily.buelow@hillsdale-isd.org](mailto:emily.buelow@hillsdale-isd.org)



Cindy Magda’s Severely Multiply Impaired (SXI) has been busy making lanyards. Student’s in Cindy’s room have been communicating their jewelry designer flare through the use of

switches. If you are interested in these one-of-a-kind lanyards, please reach out to [cynthia.magda@hillsdale-isd.org](mailto:cynthia.magda@hillsdale-isd.org) Andrea Jones, our new teacher in the Severely Cognitively Impaired Classroom (SCI), will also be creating these once she gets settled. Stay tuned for more beautiful designs.

