

Special Services Board Report

02/15/23

- We received the SPED Data reports from OPI for the Fall of 2020. It is full of good information for us. Most of the data aligns with the rest of the state. There are a few areas that we can improve on but, all-in-all it is a positive report, especially since the data was collected during the Covid shut down. The report is not attached, as it is over 100 pages long, but we have it printed off at the SPED office if any of you would like to come in and take a look at it.
- The Transition IEP training for secondary SPED teachers, which was scheduled for January 18th, was held and went very well. They receive renewal credits for this training.
- The Deaf and Blind School in Great Falls conducted 4 trainings for the staff in the self-contained classroom at BHS to help them with deaf and/or blind students that they are working with and may work with in the future. They will be conducting more classes in the future.
- Interviews were conducted for a TA at the high school and a SPED Teacher for KW. They both did a great job and we're hoping that they will be hired for these open positions soon.
- We are planning a Mandt Training for SPED staff this spring, but an exact date has not been set up yet. Mandt training is a behavior crisis intervention training. This training will help to prepare teachers and staff in the event of a behavior crisis.
- A virtual "Goal Book" Training for SPED teachers is planned for Feb 9th. This is a program purchased by the SPED department to help SPED teachers develop goals for their IEPs. Most of the SPED teachers are planning to attend.

- Colleen Nolan and Rebecca Rappold completed the Local Education Agency (LEA) Report and turned it in on time. This is a report that is required by OPI.
- We are doing our best to get ready for the monitor in March. OPI is requiring much more information than they did in the past, so it is requiring many more hours of work than it did in the past monitors, but we are continuing to work hard on it.
- The 2nd Child Find of the year will be held at the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center HeadStart Program on February 28 from 9am - 2:30pm.