Special Education June 2024 Board Report

As the 2023-2024 school year has come to an end and students have graduated, we will start the school year if all students return and with the two new students we already know about, with **576** students on IEPS.

Teaching Positions Staffing Update:

We have currently hired 5 new teachers for the 2024-2025 school year total. This has placed us with the following School Districts fully staffed for special education teaching positions:

Parma School District
Notus School District
Homedale School District
Marsing School District
COSSA Special Education Services

We are still looking for teachers for the Wilder School District.

Classified Positions Staffing Update:

Parma- Needing two ERR Paras Notus- Needing one NJHS Para

Wilder- Needing 2 Elementary Resource Room Paras, 2 SDC Para/BI/CBRS

Homedale- Needing 1 HES ERR Para and Para and 1 HMS RR Para

Marsing- Fully Staffed COSSA- 2 CBRS/BI

We have considered starting interviews for the classified positions, however, due to the 2 months lapse before they start, the concern is that they will find other employment prior to August 7th, and we will be looking at the last minute, so we are waiting to interview later in the summer.

Transportation:

Please make sure that your bussing companies are aware of start and end times for students attending other schools across the consortium. We CANNOT reduce their school day due to bussing schedules. This has been an ongoing issue for COSSA and I understand the dilemma, however we are only trying to protect school districts from IDEA complaints/lawsuits. Now is the perfect time to ensure those routes are handled with appropriate bussing to ensure this issue is resolved.

PK Screening Dates:

August 16, 2024 September 13, 2024 October 18, 2024 December 13, 2024 January 24, 2025 February 21, 2025 April 4, 2025 May 9, 2025

Additional Certified PD Dates:

September 27, 2024 October 25, 2024 November, 15 2024