

Director of Special Education Board Report

February 2025

Last month I informed the board that we had submitted the Excess Cost data to the state. I am happy to relay that the Excess Cost calculation for our district was approved and we good until next year. Having the calculation approved is one factor in getting out IDEA grant money on time.

Our special education child count (different than the district's child count) has been submitted. This data provides us with information related to our students with IEP's and how they are being served. We also get an actual number for students with IEP's in the district. Currently we have 136 students with IEP's. This number is 18 students lower than last year and the first time in several years that number has decreased. Although the official report is not out, we did not have any errors in our submission so those numbers are likely accurate. The current number of students with IEP's, tends to rise as the year progresses due to students qualifying for special education services.

The staff will be working hard to make up meetings that were missed due to school closures. They do a good job of working with my office and the families to reschedule those meetings.