

## December 2022 Special Education Report

We are very excited to bring on Christian Mannion as our PK teacher starting in January. Christina comes to us with a Bachelor's Degree as well as experience in PK settings. She has been Assistant Director of the Polaris Learning Center where she has been responsible for taking care of children ages 0-12, clearing, cooking, managing building staff, conflict resolution, as well as hiring. Prior to that she was the assistant teacher and cook for 3 years. She also worked in the Idaho Athletic Club daycare for 3 years. Her years of experience supporting young children and their development will be an asset to the student enrolled in our Developmental PK program in Marsing.

In addition, we were fortunate to hire a December graduate from NNU. She will be a special education teacher in Marsing. She will graduate with her elementary education degree and will be working on her Praxis for Special Education. She is very excited to be joining the COSSA family. This will lead us to having all of our certified position covered with the help of the contract with Hello Hero which is supporting the Wilder School District currently.

Since our last board meeting, we have lost one classified position and have not been able to acquire a replacement for the Notus School District.

Currently we have the following number of students with special needs based on district of residence:

Wilder	62 Brick and Mortar 75 IFRA (3 more possible referrals)
Homedale	189
Marsing	104
Notus	61
Parma	144

With the addition of bringing on the IFRA program we have had additional costs. As of November 30th those costs include:

Teachers	73351.23
SLP/OT/PT Services	10341.25
School Psychologist	7000.00
Educational Partners	We have not yet received an Invoice from Advocates for Inclusion for these services however should be reimbursed at approximately 60% by Medicaid

Year to date total: 90,692.48

Approximate monthly costs: 22673.12

Projected yearly costs 226731.20

\*Average cost per student 3023.00

\*Average cost per student is for teachers, SLP/OT/PT and School Psychologist. This expense does not reflect Educational Partners required for high need students in the online environment which will increase this cost.