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Student Services Report
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Special Education

This past month has been filled with compliance review activities, paperwork, planning, and budgeting. The special education department will be reaching out this spring to identify those students that may need special education referrals/services for this coming school year.

Brigance screenings and vision/hearing screenings will be held on February 17th in Whale Pass and February 24th in Thorne Bay. Other locations and times will be announced soon.

Thanks to the Literacy Grant, teachers Julia and Patrick Trischman, Heather Mendonsa, and Carol Randolph were able to attend the virtual RTI/MTSS conference held January 22-24. Some of the classes available addressed practical wellness and stress-busting tools for educators and students; teamwork for sustained implementation of trauma-informed behavioral and social-emotional supports; progressing with Reading Instruction: Data-based decision-making and Teaming; the challenge of assessments in distance & blended learning; and building resilience and equity through culturally responsive social-emotional learning. PowerPoints and training material from all the classes were uploaded to the SISD Google Drive for all teachers in the district to view.

Student Services Testing Coordinator

WIDA screenings for English Language Learners were conducted in January and the WIDA AMS assessment will be conducted the week of February 15th. The PEAKS assessment is scheduled for March. The ELA and mathematics assessments will be administered to students in grades 3-9 and the science assessment will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 10.