

**Special Education Department
Board Report
January 9, 2019**

We are providing copies of the draft to the updated DIISD SE Plan and a summary of the changes for you each to review. Tricia has reviewed and sought input from both the local district superintendents and principals. She will also be going over the plan and listening to input from the Parent Advisory Committee at their February 4th meeting. Please, feel free to discuss any questions or comments you may have regarding the plan and the updates at our January meeting.

We have a unpaid leave request from Jessica Clarke, School Social Worker, for 4.85 days from February 25th through March 1st. She will make sure that her paperwork and IEP responsibilities are met prior to leaving on her trip.

We are hoping to have the external posting out for the SE Secretary position by the time of our January board meeting. This position will be vacant due to Marcia Peterson's retirement the end of February.

We are looking forward to working closely with our new busing company, Schilleman Bus Service, to make our routes more efficient and timely for our students and families. It has been wonderful knowing that our students are being transported in reliable new buses. Although we still have work to do to shorten the time spent on the bus for some of our students and to work on our arrival to school times, we are very optimistic that these issues will be resolved in the near future. We would like to thank our board members for approving Schilleman Bus Service for the transportation of our students.

We are looking forward to the UP Special Education Conference the end of February. We will include more information on that in our February board report.

Happy New Year!