

Special Education Board Report: March 2020

County Jail initiative:

Susanne met with Michigan Works and MRS to start conversations about supporting inmates with educational services. Currently 9 State Complaints have been filed against ISD around services to county jails. A screening system has been set up with the Sheriff office to help identify possible inmates who may need special education services. Susanne will continue to work with the agencies to get appropriate services and follow IDEA child find obligations.

COVID-19 Impacts on Special Education

The State of Emergency and response of shutting down K-12 schools has opened a number of questions regarding obligations for special education during this time. The special education department has been in contact with MDE, other ISD directors and the Office of Special Education (OSE). We currently have the following guidance: [Questions and Answers](#)

There are additional questions and concerns that OSE and the State Superintendent are working on. When they release further information we will be sharing the communication and complying with their recommendations.

Young Adult Programming Move

Our team is excited to begin the planning process for renovations at the new location for the Young Adult Program (YAP). The team has rescheduled their walkthrough of the building, due to the State of Emergency, but are planning to meet early April. During the walkthrough the team will collaborate with maintenance regarding renovation needs to accommodate our young adults. We look forward to collaborating with each other during the renovation process.