

# **Federal/Special Programs Department**

## 2026 January School Board Meeting Overview

### **Title Programs/State Compensatory Education/Other Grants**

- Director meeting with all campuses to ensure proper spending and compliance with ESSA and SCE funding requirements.

### **Backpack Program/Homeless/At-Risk**

- Counselors will ensure that each student has what they need for the new semester and update coding for At-Risk students as required.

### **Counselors/Section 504**

- Transition plans are in the process of being created at each level and parent information sessions will be provided virtually and in person.

### **DEIC**

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 3rd and will review any benchmark and needs assessment data, as well as review the current professional development plan, Title II spending, Title IV initiatives and first semester surveys.
- The DEIC subcommittee will also meet February 3rd to prepare for the 2026-2027 needs assessment process.

### **Emergent Bilingual (ESL)**

- Students will get to attend a “TELPAS Bootcamp” that focuses on how they can meet expectations in 2026.
  - Elementary & Intermediate - January 15, 2025
  - Jr. High & HHS - February 4, 2026

### **Gifted & Talented**

- The GT department is in the process of assessing 196 students for the gifted and talented program.
  - The Kindergarten selection committee will meet on February 5th, and services will begin no later than March 1st for kindergarten.
  - Other grade levels will be selected in April, as their services do not begin until the 2026-2027 school year.
  - Sixth-grade GT students are scheduled to visit the Perot Museum on February 12th.

### **Health Services/Nursing Services**

- SHAC meets January 20th for the third time.

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