

Special Education/Pupil Services School Board Report
March 13, 2018

On February 23rd, Project SEARCH held interviews and skill assessments for applicants for the 2018-2019 school year. Tomahawk School District had one applicant participate in the process. To be honest, I couldn't have been prouder as I listened to the discussion of the other members of the Steering Committee discuss our applicant. Transportation to Howard Young Medical Center and back still needs to be confirmed; however, we have two community members express interest in assisting. If you would like a clearer picture of the intern opportunities through Project SEARCH at Howard Young Medical Center, you may follow them on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/projectsearchhymc/>

On our March 7th Early Release, Laurie Miller (an autism consultant from CESA 6) provided a training for our special education paraprofessionals on autism. The focus was on characteristics, strategies, and goal of independence. I received a lot of positive feedback from staff and they seemed excited to begin to implement some of the strategies provided to increase independence of our students.

On March 8, 2018 Penny Antell and our elementary team will be joining the DPI in Stevens Point to continue our work on Trauma Sensitive Schools. This is a topic that is timely in the state right now and we plan to build some time during inservice for building learning and discussion.

Reminder that March 14th is our Special Education Transition Night. Agencies that families may need to connect with for post high school services will be present. The evening will begin with staff and agencies meeting and discussing what services are available and how to connect families to these agencies. Dinner will then be provided by Mrs. Dallman's classroom. The evening will then proceed with families joining us and each agency providing information on services that are available. Families will have time to have individual discussions with agency members and have an opportunity to win door prizes. Please rsvp to Michelle Dallman at ext. 278 if you are able to join us.

Respectfully Submitted,

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