11B. Report Date: April 9, 2009

SUBJECT: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

BOARD GOAL: All students with achieve academic excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: Budgeted local and federal funds

Background Information:

• Special education services:

o 174 classrooms, 35 campuses, 2,252 students.

- Special education personnel:
 - o 175 special education teachers
 - o 209 instructional aides
 - o 7 school psychologists, 2 special education counselors, 31 educational diagnosticians, 9 occupational therapists, 3 physical therapists, 39 speech therapists and therapy assistants, 3 music therapists, 3 transition specialists, 2 adapted P.E. teachers, 1 orientation and mobility specialist, 3 teachers of the visually impaired, 1 In-home trainer, 1 homebound teacher, 6 program specialists, 4 program coordinators, 1 assistant director.

Administrative Considerations:

- Special education is experiencing a growth rate of approximately 1%.
- Classroom space on each campus must be considered for special education classes and office space allocated for professional staff and inventory.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- K-Connect
- Monthly department meetings

Respectfully submitted,

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