

Special Programs Board Report



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Special Education:

Two key changes are on the horizon in special education.

1. The state-wide budget reductions cut Regional services dollars to local ESDs. These regional programs provided evaluations for low-incidence students such as deaf/hard of hearing, severely orthopedically impaired as well as early childhood evaluations. The WESD provided a cost projection of current services showing an increase in 21,000.00 in cost. This is required component of Special Education was not previously funded by districts.

2. As districts are now required to provide evaluations for all early childhood students (Birth-5), our local region will begin working on an evaluation team. This will require some additional work and training for our Special Education staff as well as more days out of their current classrooms.

ESL: caseload

K-3: 6

4-8: 2

HS: 1

Migrant Education:

Pre-K/12: 2