



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Lisa Palese, Executive Director

DATE: June 3, 2026

RE: Projections & Classroom Openings Update

Thanks to the collaboration and ongoing communication with our district partners and leadership team, we have been able to confirm many of our previously pending student placements. We do still have a small number of students whose placement decisions remain on hold due to mediation or due process proceedings. At this time, our plan is to only bill for students with confirmed placements. We have received 4 new referrals in the past week.

- Most programs currently have at least some availability, although several classrooms are nearing capacity.
- The ELS and ABLE programs each currently have one or more openings available.
- New Directions enrollment varies across grade levels due to pending students from neighboring districts.
- The New Directions middle school (grades 7-8) and high school programs currently have the most flexibility with multiple openings available.
- New Pathways programs across Central, Kaneland, and Geneva generally have openings available, though projected transitions and pending placements may affect those numbers. New Pathways Elementary in D301 will be at capacity.
- SAIL, SEA/SAIL Hybrid, and SEA classrooms are operating at or near capacity.
- Some SAIL classrooms are limited more by physical classroom space than by caseload recommendations.
- SAFE Schools currently has four openings available.

Program/Location/Grade	Total Classrooms	Recommended Capacity per Classroom	Confirmed Students	Pending Students	Current Openings	Additional Information
ABLE Batavia & Kaneland	2	6	5-6	0	1	We do not currently have any new students projected for our ABLE program.
ELS K-2 Kaneland	1	8	7	0	1	
ELS 3-5 Kaneland	1	8	7	0	1	
ELS Middle School Central	1	8	7	0	1	
ELS High School Central	1	8	5	0	3	
New Directions K-1	1	8	6	1	1	Pending student is from D301.
New Directions 1-2	1	8	5	0	3	
New Directions 3	1	8	6	2	1	Pending students are from D302 & D303.
New Directions 4	1	8	6	2	1	Pending students are from D302 & D303.
New Directions 5-6 (Co-taught)	1	13	12	2	0	Pending students are from D301 & D303.
New Directions 7-8	2	8	12	1	4	Pending student is from D303.
New Directions HS	3	10	23	1	6	Pending student is from D301.
New Pathways K-5 Central	3	8	7-8	0	1	1 opening in K-1, D301 student will likely transition from Fabyan to fill the spot.
New Pathways K-5 Kaneland	2	8	6	0	2	
New Pathways K-5 Geneva	2	8	7	0	2	
New Pathways MS Geneva	1	8	6	0	2	
New Pathways MS Central	1	8	5	0	3	
New Pathways HS Geneva	2	8	7	0	2	
New Pathways HS Central	1	8	4	0	4	
SAFE Schools	1	8	4	0	4	
SAIL- Intensive Needs	2	6-8	11	0	1	
SAIL	5	10-13	9-13	0	5	Caseloads could be 13, but classroom space only allows for 11 in some rooms.
SEA/SAIL Hybrid	1	13	12	0	1	
SEA	2	13	13	0	0	

FY27 Enrollment by # of Students

	101	301	302	303	304	25	131	300	424	426	427	428	Confirmed by Program	Pending by Program	Total by Program	Capacity	% Capacity
ABLE	1	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	12	91.7%
ELS	0	10	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	27	32	81.3%
New Pathways	3	33	16	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	76	96	79.2%
New Directions	7	11	15	24	7	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	69	8	77	91	75.8%
SAIL	21	28	11	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	76	85	89.4%
SEA	6	6	6	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	26	30	86.7%
Confirmed by District	38	90	64	45	42	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	284	9	293	346	82.1%
Pending by District	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		9		
Confirmed + Pending	38	93	66	49	42	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	293				
SAFE Schools	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	8	50.0%
Homebound	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				
Total Students	38	93	66	50	43	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	295				
1:1 TA	6	7	6	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29				
1:1 Nurse	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				
Inactive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				