

Special Education Board Report: July 18, 2019

ISD Determinations: This is the first time that the State has issued ISD determinations based on aggregate local data. The determinations were based on a rubric combining compliance and results using the 2017-2018 school year data. The ISD received a score of “Needs Intervention”. This score placed the ISD in the lowest quadrant. Since this is the first year the State is offering a one year grace period before the second set of determinations is given. The assistance and implications from the “Needs Intervention” score will take effect the 2020-2021 school year.

The special education team is developing a monitoring system required by the State to address these new determinations. We will pilot this system of support with some locals this school year.

Attached is the determinations matrix we received from the State as well as the letter of determinations addressing the “Needs Intervention” score from the State Department.

Behavior Specialist Position: The Special education team has requested that we switch the School Psychologist posting that went unfilled this year, to a behavior specialist posting. This position would be supporting locals in development of Functional Behavioral Assessments and Behavior Plans. This position would be supporting locals with students already identified as special education who have ongoing behavior concerns.

0-3 Early Childhood:

The Birth to Age 3 service team participated in the community-wide KidsFest event held at Hillsdale County Fairgrounds. Our staff provided free developmental screenings and information to families and provided fun activities to engage children. Program information and resources for early childhood was also handed out.



Greenfield:

The summer session at Greenfield School is officially underway and we have been enjoying the beautiful weather and sunshine! The Greenfield Garden is growing fast and students love taking care of it. In this years garden we have melons, tomatoes, green beans, lettuce, peas, peppers, zucchini and cucumbers.



Don't forget about our student/classroom businesses at Greenfield School. Yappy Inspirations has many great products. If you are interested in any of the products made by Yappy Inspirations, please contact Emily Buelow: emily.buelow@hillsdale-isd.org



