

Student Support Services Dept.
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Board Report

Special Education:

- o A team attended the 2023 LRP's National Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana. This is a special education law conference and is attended by thousands of educators from across the country. Our attendees included two assistant principals, two special education teachers, two IEP Facilitators, a Diagnostician, a Social Worker and an SLP. There were two general sessions (morning and afternoon) and 18 breakout sessions each day to choose from. The conference was very engaging and informative. We were also able to network with other special education staff from around New Mexico as well as from around the country.
- o We will be offering Extended School Year (ESY) in June and July for students who require this service. To qualify for ESY, the IEP team must determine that the student needs a program of special education and related services extending beyond the normal school year. The team must decide if the learning that occurred during the regular school year will be significantly jeopardized if ESY services are not provided. We are currently gathering the names of these students to determine staffing needs. ESY will be located at Parkview Elementary.
- o The Student Support Services team has grown. We currently employ: two Diagnosticians, four special education Social Workers, two regular education Social Workers, an Occupational Therapist, two Certified Occupational Therapist Assistants, a Recreational Therapist, three Speech and Language Therapists, 2.5 IEP Facilitators, a .5 Gifted Mentor and an ELL teacher. Our contractors include one Diagnostician, a .5 School Psychologist, an Audiologist, a remote Speech and Language service and an Orientation and Mobility Specialist. We are still in need of one more Speech and Language Therapist, a Physical Therapist, and a Diagnostician. Next year we will also need a .5 School Psychologist because our current Psych will not be returning.

ELL's:

- o Our ELL teacher has been extremely busy. She is verifying the identified number of ELL students from our 120 count against those who have the Language Usage Survey in their file and WIDA scores in the system. She has developed a training PowerPoint to share with principals. She has met with several teachers and provided materials for them to use. She has conducted the WIDA assessment with a few students and she met with a few of the principals to discuss their needs and concerns.