

Student Support Services Dept.  
December 2023  
Board Report

**Special Education:**

- The department continues to be busy with initial evaluations, re-evaluations and therapy. Parent requests for evaluation have slowed down.
- I attended the Wellness Policy on November 9 in Albuquerque. The training was very informative. I will facilitate the updating of the current policy beginning in January.
- I attended the Special Ed Director's training on November 16 & 17 in Albuquerque. This was the first in-person training since before the COVID lockdown. The new Director of Special Education, Margaret Cage, was introduced and gave a short welcome. I was able to learn and network with other directors from all over the state.
- I attended Solution Tree's RTI at Work conference last week with 20 others. It was a very informative and invigorating conference. PED has adopted Solution Tree's RTI model as the state's MLSS model, so the conference was a worthwhile investment for the district to make.

**Equity Council:**

- Our district ELL teacher is now leading the district's Equity Council, the position that was vacated by Frances Fuller when she resigned from SCSD. Currently there are nine members on the team. The team is meeting on Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> with Abena McNeely, our PED assigned equity facilitator, via zoom. She will review the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit and background and purpose of the Equity Council with the team.

**Nurses:**

- Jean Ryan, our high school nurse has resigned effective January 1, 2024. The position has been posted. I will meet this coming week with our lead nurse to develop a plan of how our high school student's nursing needs will be met until we can fill the position.