

Student Services

Update

September

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Student Services Director



Sped Updates



- Service & Staffing Adjustments:
 - ESU 5 has assumed services for Birth–3 (B–3) students, freeing Michelle to focus more time for Kindergarten speech services.
- Caseload Changes:
 - 1 new student with an IEP moved into the district.
 - 2 secondary families opted to revoke Special Education services at the start of the school year.
- Student Meetings & Planning:
 - Completed 14 IEP meetings between August and September 10.
 - Student-specific team meetings are currently being scheduled based on individual needs.
 - Draft re-evaluation plan for the school year is in place for the team.
- Agency Collaboration:
 - Ongoing partnerships with the ASD Network, ESU 5, and Vocational Rehabilitation.
- NDE Part B Parent Perception Survey (2025–26): Meets Expectations!

Special Education Numbers

Speech

PreK-K - 25

1st -12th - 51

Occupational Therapy PK-12th - 31

Physical Therapy PK-12th - 14

Resource K- 5th - 24

Resource 6th - 12th - 25

Total IEPs = 96

2 revocations and 1 Move in (9/10/26)

High Ability Learners

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- New Program Sponsors: Clint Havel and Jenna Pachta
- Program Restructuring: Currently updating program identifiers, curriculum, and scheduling to better serve students.
- Fall Timeline: Program activities are on pause until Q2 while restructuring takes place.
- Family Communication: Information letters were mailed to families the week of September 9, 2026.
- Curriculum Planning: Active collaboration with ESU 5 to develop and refine program curriculum.

Meetings and Professional Development

- English Learner (EL) Program:
 - 9/2/26: EL Training & Collaboration featuring Alyssa Dickson and Aldo Villafuerte from the EL Program Consortium.
 - Focus: Effective instruction, resource sharing, NDE policy updates, and regional networking.
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- Special Education & Student Services Meetings:
 - 8/12/26: SPED Team Meeting
 - 9/10/26–9/11/26: NASES Meeting (Lincoln) – State SPED & Student Services Directors Meeting (Attending: Jamie)
- Upcoming Professional Development:
 - 9/15/26: Regional MTSS Meeting @ ESU 5 (Jamie)
 - 9/24/26: Indicator 13 File Review Workshop @ ESU 5 (Laurie Fisher & Jamie)
 - 9/30/26: NCSA Special Education Meeting (Jamie)
 - 10/8/26–10/9/26: NeMTSS Summit (Michelle Souerdyke)
 - 10/22/26: Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) Stakeholders Annual Meeting (Jamie)

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- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (January 15, 1929)**
- **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (February 12, 1809)**
- **George Washington's Birthday (February 22, 1732)**
- **Memorial Day (the last Monday in May)**
- **Constitution Day (September 17)**
- **Veterans Day (November 11)**
- **Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)**
- **Native American Heritage Day (Friday after Thanksgiving)**

