



Niles Township District for Special Education #807
Cook County Districts 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73.5, 74

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March 2026 NTDSE UPDATE

1. SPECIAL EDUCATION AUDIT

- Seeking Board Approval- March 25, 2026
- [DM Group Opportunity Review Timeline](#)
- Will gather a team after spring break to develop our timeline.

2. SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING KEEPS GROWING

- Worth the read- it's short
- Affirms what you likely already know

3. NEGOTIATIONS

- Collective Bargaining Agreement expires August 2026
- Union will provide its initial offer before spring break
- The first bargaining session is on April 10, 2026

4. TRANSPORTATION

- Cook IL was purchased by First Student
- The NTDSE Team met with First Student in late February
- Immediate changes: Drivers/aides wearing vests
- Changes to come: Technology advancements for the district and families

5. NTDSE PROJECTIONS

- [Click here for Staffing Memo](#) (in NTDSE Board Packet)
- [Click here for Staffing Projections & Enrollment](#) (in NTDSE Board Packet)