

MSAD #53 Special Services
May 2010
School Board Report

Student Counts:

Special Education: 154 Referrals: 9
Out of District Placement: 2
504: K-8: 84 9-12: 6
ELL: 3
Alternative Education: HS- 12 MS-3 GED-2 Wait List- 0
Transfers In: 121
Transfers Out: 104
Homeless: K-8: 8 9-12: --
Drop Outs: 2
Habitual Truants: K-8: 2 9-12: 3

Summer Training: We will offer three professional development opportunities this summer. We will have behavioral training, which Sarah Bolster, Sarah Loring and Paula Young will facilitate. We will have another Lindamood training called Visualizing and Verbalizing which focuses on comprehension strategies. The SPIRE program, which is a multisensory reading program, offers a three-day workshop. Our staff will have the opportunity to participate in this training in August. The Saxon math books are here and there will be training in July and then again just before school begins in August.

This training is all happening through our ARRA funding. The application for phase two of ARRA funding needs to be completed and sent to the state by May 21st. We will be writing a project for the trainings, continue our work with Maxine Wolph Johnston and drug counseling, as well as continue to have a consultant work with case managers who have students on the autism spectrum.

Special Education Review-phase 2 The letter has arrived and we have been asked to review 35 files prior to May 28th. We need to send the



results of the file review to the state. They will then determine what our corrective areas need to be and I will write a plan to correct our areas of weakness.

On May 17th (with your approval) our new social worker will begin working. Her name is Julie York and she comes to us from the Brewer area. She is currently working in private work but has had experience with the Regional Behavioral Program at the Old Town middle school.

What we see depends mainly on what we are looking for.

-John Lubbock