

MSAD #53 Special Services  
January 2010  
School Board Report

**Student Counts:**

Special Education: 160 Referrals: 5  
Out of District Placement: 3  
504: K-8: 65 9-12: 5  
ELL: 5  
Alternative Education: HS- 11 MS-2 GED-1 Wait List- 2  
Transfers In: 74  
Transfers Out: 55  
Homeless: K-8: 10 9-12: -  
Drop Outs: 3  
Habitual Truants: K-8: 1 9-12: 1

**Training:** We will be using the ARRA money to do some more training in 2010. We will train staff how to complete their own functional behavioral assessment, train additional staff members in Safety Care, which is a proactive training for staff to help ward off behavioral escalations, and also train staff in applied behavioral analysis.

**Report Card:** The district special education report card will be coming out in February. We will review what gains if any we have made with our drop out rate and ensuring that identified students are receiving instruction in the least restrictive environment. I anticipate that we will continue to be in jeopardy in those two areas for the past year but that next year we will see that the plans we have put into place will help our percentages be in line with what the state expects.

**Thank You!** I want to thank all the School Board members for their continual support of the special education programs in MSAD 53. The students are



very lucky to have such supportive, understanding Board members. Here's to a successful 2010! -Stacy

*What we see depends mainly on what we are looking for.*  
*-John Lubbock*