

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
**School Board Report**  
**November 13, 2017**

- Every year the Department of Education Office of Special Services makes “determinations” about the functioning of a local school district’s Special Education Department, based on a variety of indicators. For the second year in a row, we received a designation of “Meets Requirements”—which is right where we want to be! The DOE sent us a letter commending the staff for this high level of performance.
- Last week I completed Safety Care Train the Trainer training along with our middle and high school team leader, Jo St. Peter-Scott. We can now join our other in-district trainer, Donnie Drake, in training and support around de-escalation and safe restraint techniques.
- On October 25, K-6 educational technicians were trained in Effective Feedback Techniques, a training that was done for K-6 teachers on our last Professional Development day. Ed Techs learned about the importance of good feedback, ways to give good feedback and how to make sure the student is doing the “heavy work”, not the staff!
- We are currently finalizing our special education count for the District. We have about 274 students receiving special education services, which is down from past years. I will share more specifics next month.
- We continue to be in need of educational technicians and a District-wide Behavior Specialist.