



To: Joel Boyd, Superintendent
From: Billie Jo Turner, Assistant Superintendent
RE: Response to Motion on Special Ed Spending
Date: June 11, 2020

This is in response to the motion made by Robert Hoey at the 4/1/20 meeting: ***“That the Superintendent produce a report charting out SPED expenditures by year for the last 15 years (or as far back as possible).***

- ***Number of total special education budget; Percentage of kids receiving special education services;***
- ***Amount of money spent on out of district services; Percentages of children utilizing out of district services;***
- ***Number of employees working in Special Education;***
- ***Total of number of employees within the district per year.***

Per the attached SPED Spending Summary, we have gathered nine years of data and have determined the following:

- Total sped spending has increased from \$22.6 million in 2011 to \$43.3 million in 2019.
- SPED spending has increased from 15% of total budget in 2011 to 21.9% in 2019.
- SPED spending totals includes approximately 70% on in district spending and 30% out of district spending year to year.
- SPED out of district spending rose from \$7.9 million in 2011 to \$13 million in 2018. This amount decreased to \$11.8 million in 2019 due to the opening of the Janice Adie Day School.
- Students receiving out of district sped services rose from 98 in 2011 to 140 in 2018. This amount decreased from 140 to 114 in 2019.
- Total enrollment has increased from 13,708 in 2011 to 14,663 in 2019.
- 2105 students in 2011 received sped services which represents 15% of total enrollment. In 2019, 2543 students received sped services which represents 17% of total enrollment.
- SPED staff increased from 324 in 2011 to 493 in 2019. In 2011, SPED staff represented 18.8% of total staff (1723). This rose to 23.4% of total staff (2110) in 2019.