

Board Update
State Accreditation Report
Update on Actions, Week of June 25, 2018

- The Special Education Department began holding IEP meetings on Monday, June 25, 2018 for all students who had 45 minutes of special education services in the fall of 2017. The teams are determining if each student's IEP requires the need for compensatory educational services for the time during which their placement and services were determined without appropriate processes. Six teams have been established to conduct IEP meetings.
- The letters to be sent to parents of students where there is no evidence that their minutes of instruction were reduced from Spring 2017 to Fall 2017, but may include an insufficient Prior Written Notice, were mailed on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.
- The Special Education Department began reviewing Functional Behavior Assessments (37) and Behavior Intervention Plans on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. New Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans will be completed according to the standard protocol provided by the Iowa Department of Education beginning in the 2018-2019 school year if determined that a new one is needed.
- On June 21, 2018 the Special Education Director and a representative of the Iowa Department of visited 58 rooms in the district which have been used to place students in an isolated area. In one room a minor deficiency was corrected; further clarification of requirements is being sought in the case of one room; and three rooms will no longer be used because they do not meet minimum standards. The 58 rooms reviewed included: in-school suspension rooms, skills rooms, time-out rooms, diversion rooms, and seclusion rooms.
- The Special Education Department, AEA 9, and Iowa Department of Education met on June 26, 2018 to develop policies and procedures on the development of functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans, including when to engage the LEA and/or AEA challenging behavior team. These will be submitted to the Iowa Department for final approval.
- The Special Education Department, AEA 9, and Iowa Department of Education met on June 26, 2018 to develop policies and procedures for the inclusion of AEA staff in all eligibility determinations. This will be submitted to the Iowa Department for final approval.
- The Special Education Department, AEA 9, and Iowa Department of Education met on June 26, 2018 to determine the data sources that will be used to review disproportionality. A meeting is being scheduled the week of July 23, 2018 to begin discussions.