THE JOSEPH SEARS SCHOOL
KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

To: Dr. Kelley Kalinich, Superintendent
Dr. Crystal LeRoy, Business Services and Human Resources Manager
From: Ms. Julia R. Jones, Director of Student Services
Date: June 10, 2015
RE: Director of Student Services Report for the June 15, 2015 Kenilworth School District No. 38 Board of Education Meeting

5th to 6th Grade Articulations

On June 3rd, 2015, we piloted articulation meetings for IEP and 504 students moving from elementary school to junior high, similar to the process of transitioning students from junior high to high school that occurs with New Trier High School each year. Parents joined the 5th and 6th grade student services teachers, along with the Director of Student Services, to discuss their child's strengths, weaknesses and interests. The discussion also focused on the present IEP goals, accommodations, and how the current plan would translate into the junior high setting.

Next year, the goal would be to include the student in the meeting and to shift when students begin attending their IEP meetings. At the present time, student participation in IEP meetings begins at 6th grade. I would like students to have a role in this process beginning in 5th grade, and possibly earlier.

Summer Professional Development

I will attend several meetings and conferences in the upcoming months with the goal of keeping well informed with regard to any legal changes and maintaining compliance.

Upcoming meetings include:

Recognizing and Assisting Homeless Students: What Administrators Need to Know: June 24
Special Education Directors' Conference: August 5-7
Annual State Bilingual Directors' Meeting: September 16/17

Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Grant

The IDEA Grant is completed annually and opens on July 1. The grant is a forward funded program from the state with advanced appropriations related to special education. Our current allocation is $69,776.

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