

Board Motion for August 17, 2015

Resolutions Relative To Program Placement Of Students With Special Needs

The Administration recommends the Board adopt the following resolutions relative to Special Education:

Resolution I

The Board of Directors of Hermitage School District requests neighboring school districts to accept students in their Chapter 14 special education programs when appropriate.

Resolution II

The Board of Directors of Hermitage School District requests Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV to provide programs for students in their Emotional Support Program in Greenville Community School and Lakeview School District; and Autistic Support Program in Mercer Area School District. The Hermitage School District agrees to meet obligations of transportation and special class costs as determined by I.U. IV. In addition, Hermitage School District requires Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV to provide itinerant services within the district to students requiring vision, hearing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, interpretative, adaptive physical education and audiological services. Extended School Year (ESY) services will also be provided to those students meeting the requirements as specified in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Resolution III

The Hermitage School District agrees to meet obligations of tuition, facility fair share, and transportation (as by school code) to facilities and LEA's outside the Hermitage School District. Hermitage School District has students enrolled in the Life Skills Programs located in West Middlesex Area School District and the Multi-Disability Program in Greenville School District.

Resolution IV

Hermitage School District will continue to accept students (of school age when class size permits) who have severe learning needs and qualify for Secondary Life Skills Support and Emotional Support from all school districts in Mercer County. Memorandums of Understanding specifying placements and the instructional and specialized costs for students are signed by resident districts prior to the start of the school year.

Hermitage School District will continue to operate the following programs within the District: Gifted Support, Learning Support, Emotional Support, Speech/Language Support, Life Skills Support, and Autistic Support.

Resolution V

The Hermitage School District agrees to continue collaborative programming with other Special Education Programs particularly Chapter 16 Gifted Support classes of Farrell and Sharon City Schools.