

SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

Holly Day, Director

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- Current Openings:
 - Poland Community School Social Worker (currently being filled part time by a contracted provider)
 - Ed Techs across the District
- Updates:
 - We have ten new staff certified in de-escalation and restraint.
 - Staffing shortages in our district and outplacements continue to have a significant impact our ability to meet all of our student's needs. I remain concerned about staffing for next year as well as staffing our extended school year program this summer.
 - There is a bill in the Maine Legislature (LD 386) that will most likely move the responsibility for all special education (childfind and services) for children age 4-6 to the public schools (from Child Development Services). It will be a transition process that will probably take 3-5 years, but it is something we as a district will want to keep in mind as it will impact space needs, resources and personnel, not to mention the unknown financial impact. I will keep the Board informed as I learn more.