

SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

Holly Day, Director
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- I spent the first two days of school visiting all the schools and stopping in classrooms. It was so wonderful to see all the students back in the building, and to see the students engaged in scavenger hunts, get to know you games and learning the school rules. We're off to a great start—with just a few tweaks on our to do list!
- Positions needed for this school year
 - Whittier/PRHS Academic Team Leader
 - Functional Life Skills Teacher at PRHS
 - Ed Techs across the District, particularly at the high school
- Our lack of ed techs is affecting some of the students in receiving all their special education services. We are doing our best to support students and meet the IEP needs, but due to the lack of staff, we had to triage student needs this year. Our first priority is to have our students in school and keep everyone safe. We will communicate with parents if there are any gaps in their student's services, and continue to look for educational technicians and subs to support our students. We are no different than any other school district in the state or across the country.
- This is a State audit year for RSU 16. We will be doing a self-assessment of paperwork requirements and timelines, and then the State will come in and do the same. It's a good exercise for us to see what we are doing well, and what we, as a District, need to work on. I will share more information on this throughout the year.
- After two years off, we are looking to get our life skills students back in the pool for the weekly swim and life skills instruction. Unfortunately due to staffing shortages at the Y, we will not be able to start until November.