

SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

Holly Day, Director

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- We continue to need Ed Techs throughout the District. We had a new ed tech start at PRHS on May 1st, but still need many more, especially at the high school.
- 2023-2024 openings:
Speech and Language Pathologist at ESS
FLS Teacher, PRHS
Special Education Teacher, PRHS
- Update on State DOE Audit: We were able to clear up all but one of our pre-findings, which is good news. We will receive a corrective action plan on June 30th with the areas we need to address and correct by April 2024.
- On April 27th, several of our FLS students participated in events at the Special Olympics State Swim meet held at Colby College. Our students represented RSU 16 well!
- Last year the DOE allowed special education teachers to work under emergency certification. It has been discovered, however, that Federal laws do not allow special education teachers to work under emergency certification. This will further stress both our District and other Districts in the state. Special Education teachers can work under conditional certification, which requires a Bachelor's degree and nine hours in special education coursework.