



Elizabeth Meyer School • John Middleton Elementary School • Oliver McCracken Middle School

April 18, 2025

Dear Caregivers of Special Education, 504, and Diverse Learners,

Foremost, thank you for the report you submitted to the Board and for coming to speak to the Board about your individual students' and experiences with student services at our district. We know, many of us from our own personal experiences with navigating the IEP/504 mazes with our own kids, that it was not easy for you to do. Both the report and your time with us showed how much you care about what happens to our students here.

To that end, our next steps will include, but not be limited to:

1. Working with you and others who are interested to establish a Diverse Learners Committee (title can be revised) for parents and guardians of diverse learners (broadly defined to include Special Education, 504, and neurodiverse students) to regularly meet and collaborate with District leadership about how to make student services as responsive and supportive as possible. We will make this a priority for the incoming superintendent to launch at the beginning of their tenure. (See more details below.)
2. Developing specific steps for the co-interim superintendents and the next superintendent to monitor and regularly report to the Board on the performance of our student services. Specifically, first we will call for the next superintendent and administration to partner with an outside agency to conduct a continuum of services audit which will direct the next administration on how to improve students services performance.

We understand that there were more specific steps requested regarding personnel. Evaluating, hiring, and retaining personnel is the purview of the Superintendent and Board of Education. The discussion of specific personnel details are regulated by law. Additionally, most aspects of school personnel management are governed strictly by state school code.

I will direct Dr. Osburn and Dr. Roberts to be in touch with you regarding Point No. 1 above and to develop specific steps related to Point No. 2. You will hear from them within one week of this letter.

Again, on behalf of the Board, thank you for the time you have taken to share your experiences and concerns. The Board and current and future administration will look forward to collaborating with you so that you, your students, and all students and families feel supported in our schools.

Sincerely,

Emily Miller, President
Board of Education