



# Special Services Newsletter

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*Every student, every day, preparing for the future.*

*The mission of Derby Public Schools is to create a tomorrow that is better than today by ensuring all students continually grow and learn.*



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This month our community will be making a decision that will have a huge impact on the future of our district. On the second

page of this document you will find additional information regarding the upcoming school bond election. On February 20th we want you to have all the information you need to make an informed decision. In addition to the information below, you can also view some recent presentations about the bond by clicking [here](#) or [here](#). If you have questions on this topic, please don't hesitate to contact me!

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## Early Childhood Screenings

Derby Public Schools provides public notice to all patrons of the availability of special education services and related services for all students (ages 3 through 21 years of age) residing within the school district. To learn more about services for our youngest students, please click on the Project Kids logo.



## Parent Learning Opportunities

Did you receive the email from our district about our upcoming parent learning opportunity? More details will be available soon. For now we'd like your feedback on topics you'd like to learn more about. [Please click here](#) to provide us with feedback. Thanks for your help!



## Parent Reminder:

Today, parenting is as it has always been - a learn-as-you-go exploration. There are no definitive responses and no guaranteed solutions that will work for every Mom and Dad. You are more approachable as a parent if you are not a "know it all." Imperfect role models are easier to emulate than perfect ones. You have an asset that most school teachers do not - you knew your child from the start. Tell them you are proud to be their parent at a time when they least expect it!

## Did you know?

The Special Services department employs a variety of staff to meet the diverse needs of our students. Employees include the following positions distributed in all schools:

- Special Education Teachers: 60.3
- School Psychologists: 6.8
- School Nurses: 6.6
- Physical Therapists: 1.7
- Audiologist: 0.6
- Hearing Impaired: 1
- Director: 1
- Coordinator: 2
- Social Workers: 14
- Speech Pathologists: 14
- Occupational Therapists: 2
- Adaptive PE Teacher: 1
- Compliance Coordinator: 1
- Visually Impaired: 0.6
- Classified Staff: 183

A headcount of the students served through Special Services:

- Special Education: 1,346
- Disability: 1,148    Gifted: 198



## How will the bond affect Special Services?

Derby Public Schools wants to make sure that all of our facilities have the proper space to serve our student needs, current and future. The bond issue is important because it is the primary option for school districts to raise funding for the necessary improvements. Please read our current [district newsletter](#) for more details.

The bond has the potential to impact many areas. Below are a handful of items that could substantially alter special education within our district.

- All elementary schools will be equipped with ADA-compliant playground equipment. This will include surfacing that will make space accessible for every student.
- Renovate current Special Education classrooms.
- Tanglewood Elementary's occupational therapy and physical therapy room is currently shared with the school's art class space. These two rooms will be separated and all would be given adequate space with the bond.
- The Educational Support Center, Administrative Center and our Special Services Department are currently housed in three buildings throughout the district. With the bond, Derby Public Schools will construct one new, efficient facility to house all three departments.



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