



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

11B. Report

Date: April 9, 2009

SUBJECT: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

BOARD GOAL: All students with achieve academic excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: Budgeted local and federal funds

Background Information:

- Special education services:
 - 174 classrooms, 35 campuses, 2,252 students.
- Special education personnel:
 - 175 special education teachers
 - 209 instructional aides
 - 7 school psychologists, 2 special education counselors, 31 educational diagnosticians, 9 occupational therapists, 3 physical therapists, 39 speech therapists and therapy assistants, 3 music therapists, 3 transition specialists, 2 adapted P.E. teachers, 1 orientation and mobility specialist, 3 teachers of the visually impaired, 1 In-home trainer, 1 homebound teacher, 6 program specialists, 4 program coordinators, 1 assistant director.

Administrative Considerations:

- Special education is experiencing a growth rate of approximately 1%.
- Classroom space on each campus must be considered for special education classes and office space allocated for professional staff and inventory.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- K-Connect
- Monthly department meetings

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Special Education

Special Education Program

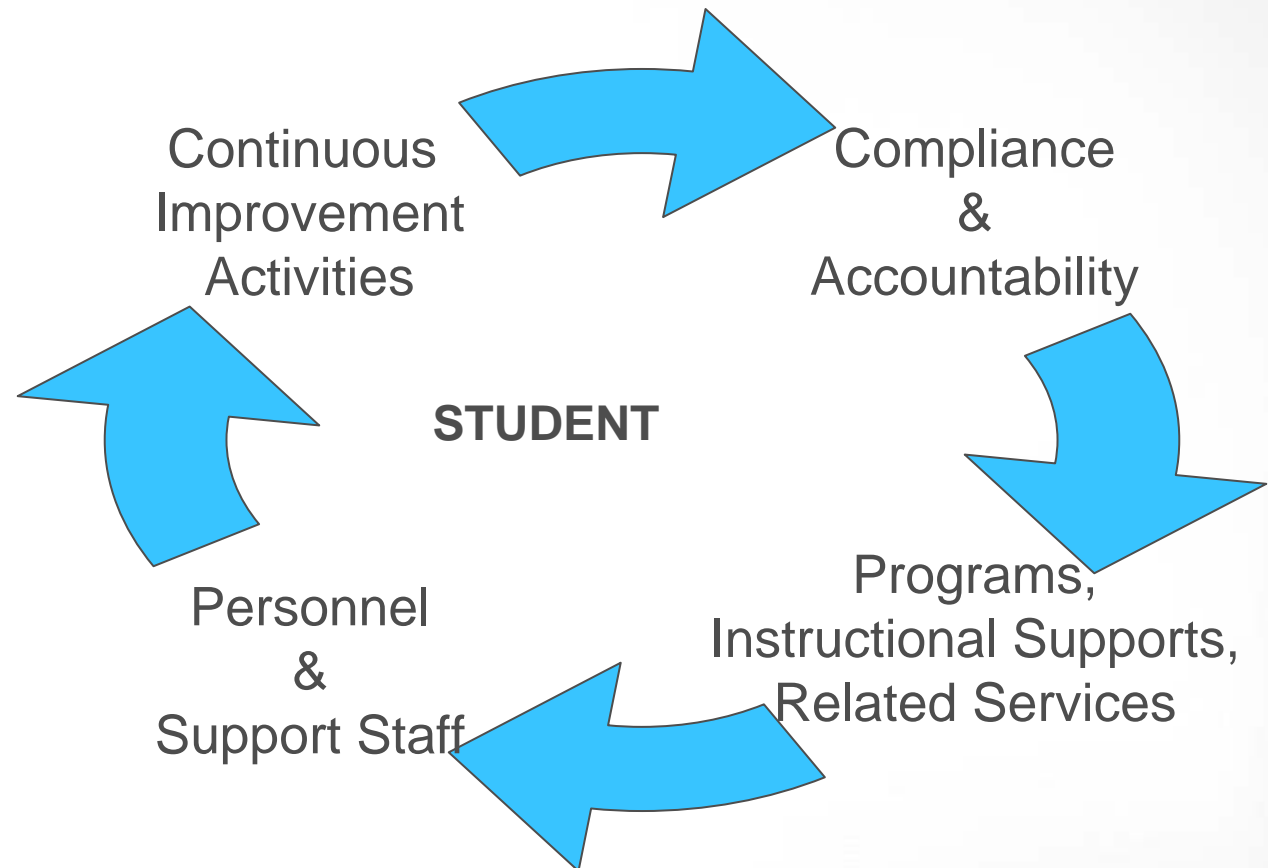
A Piece of the Plan for Student Success

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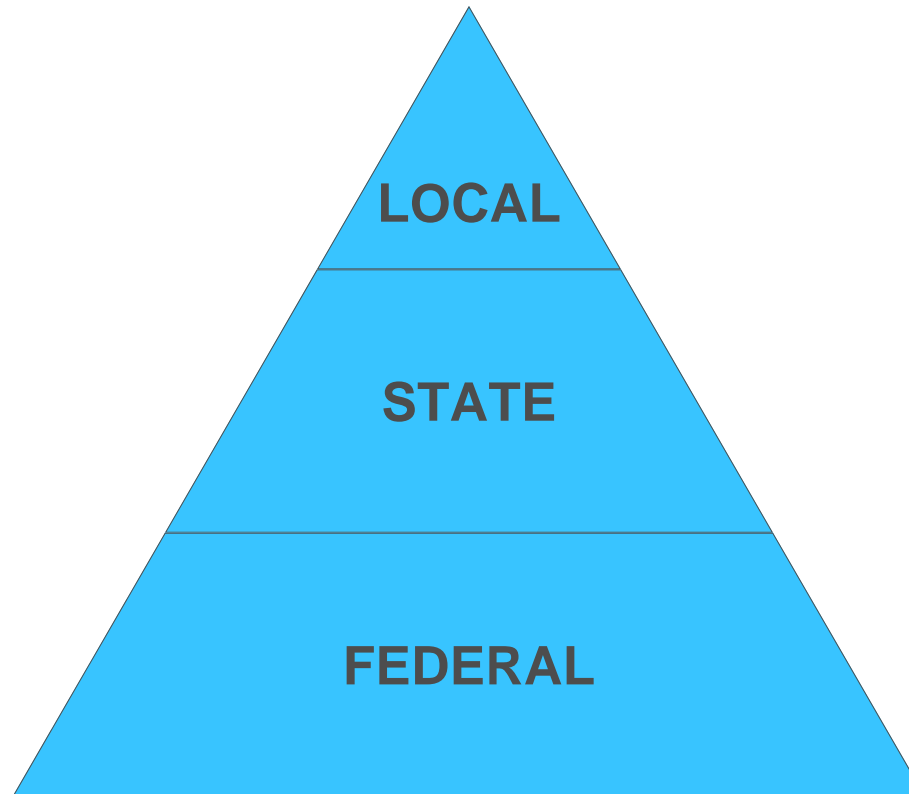




Program Overview



Compliance & Accountability Systems



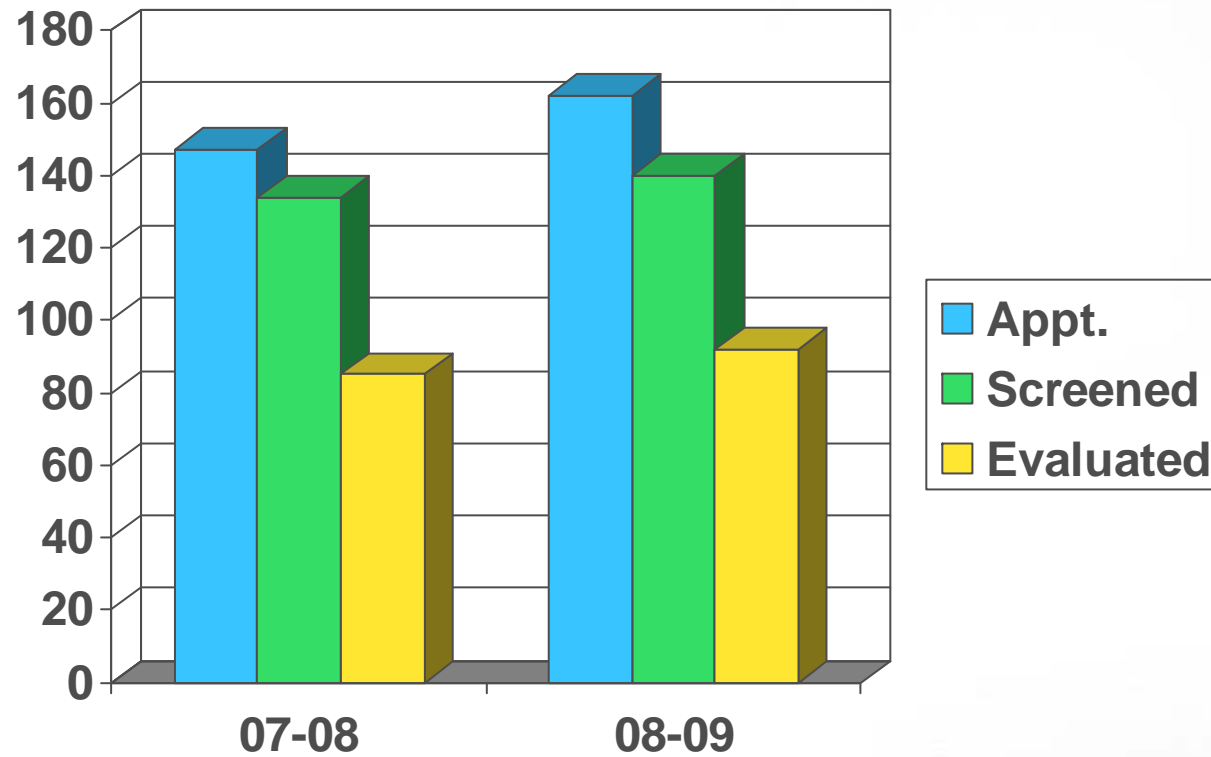


Responsibilities & Activities

- Evaluations
- ARD committee meetings
- Programs
- Instructional Supports
- Related Services
- Other Activities



Child Find Screenings





Special Olympics

- 2007-2008
 - **65 athletes**
 - 8 – 22 years
 - **8 athletes received letter jackets**
- 2008-2009
 - **78 athletes**
 - **9 athletes received letter jackets**



Current Status

- 2,252 students
- 13 Disability Categories:
 - Auditory Impairment
 - Autism
 - Deaf/Blind
 - Emotional Disturbance
 - Learning Disabled
 - Mental Retardation
 - Multiple Disabilities
 - Noncategorical Early Childhood
 - Orthopedic Impairment
 - Other Health Impairment
 - Speech Impairment
 - Traumatic Brain Injury
 - Visual Impairment

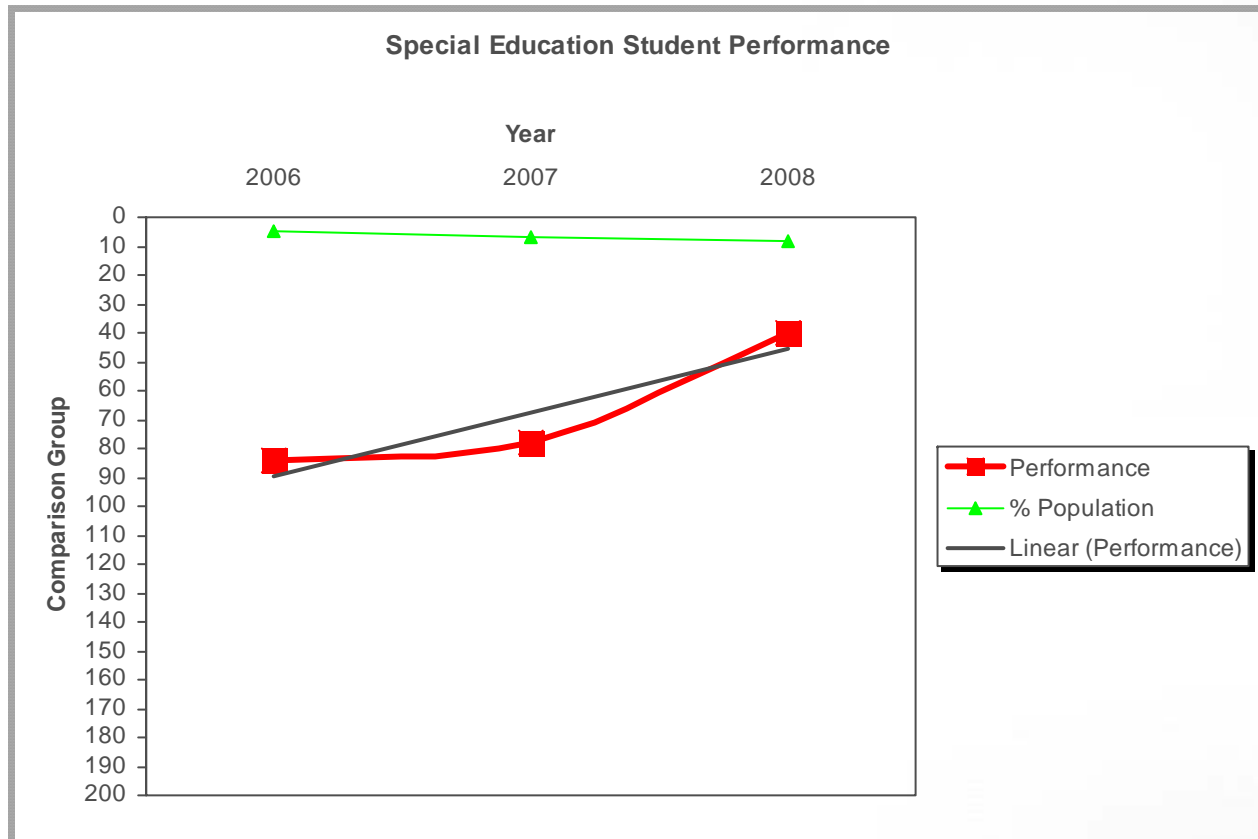


Current Initiatives

- Preschool LRE
- Progress Monitoring System
- Automated ARD & Data Management System
- Evidence-based Reading Program



3-Year Trend Data





Goals & Objectives

Goal:

1. 100% compliance on all accountability measures.
 - **Aligned processes**
 - **Operational guidelines**
2. Continuous improvement of student achievement
 - **Evidence-based math interventions**
 - **Technology applications**
3. Exceptional Special Education Program
 - **Focus on customer service**
 - **Professional development**
 - **Dynamic program evaluation activities**



Mission:

In partnership with key stakeholders, parents, and community, our mission is to promote and support exceptional inclusive educational practices for eligible students with disabilities.