



# Office of Special Services



2019-2020  
Board Update



**WE ARE WAYNE!**  
GREAT SCHOOLS  
GREAT COMMUNITY



# Hello!

What is one thing  
you are most  
proud of in regards  
to the Office of  
Special Services?







# “ A LEADER IS:

**ANYONE WHO TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINDING THE  
POTENTIAL IN PEOPLE AND PROCESSES AND HAS THE  
COURAGE TO DEVELOP THAT POTENTIAL.**

## COURAGE IS CONTAGIOUS.

To scale daring leadership and build courage in teams and organizations, we have to cultivate a culture in which brave work, tough conversations, and whole hearts are the expectation, and armor is not necessary or rewarded. We have to be vigilant about creating a culture in which people feel safe, seen, heard, and respected. ~Brene Brown





**Serving**  
**All of our scholars**

# Our Student Growth

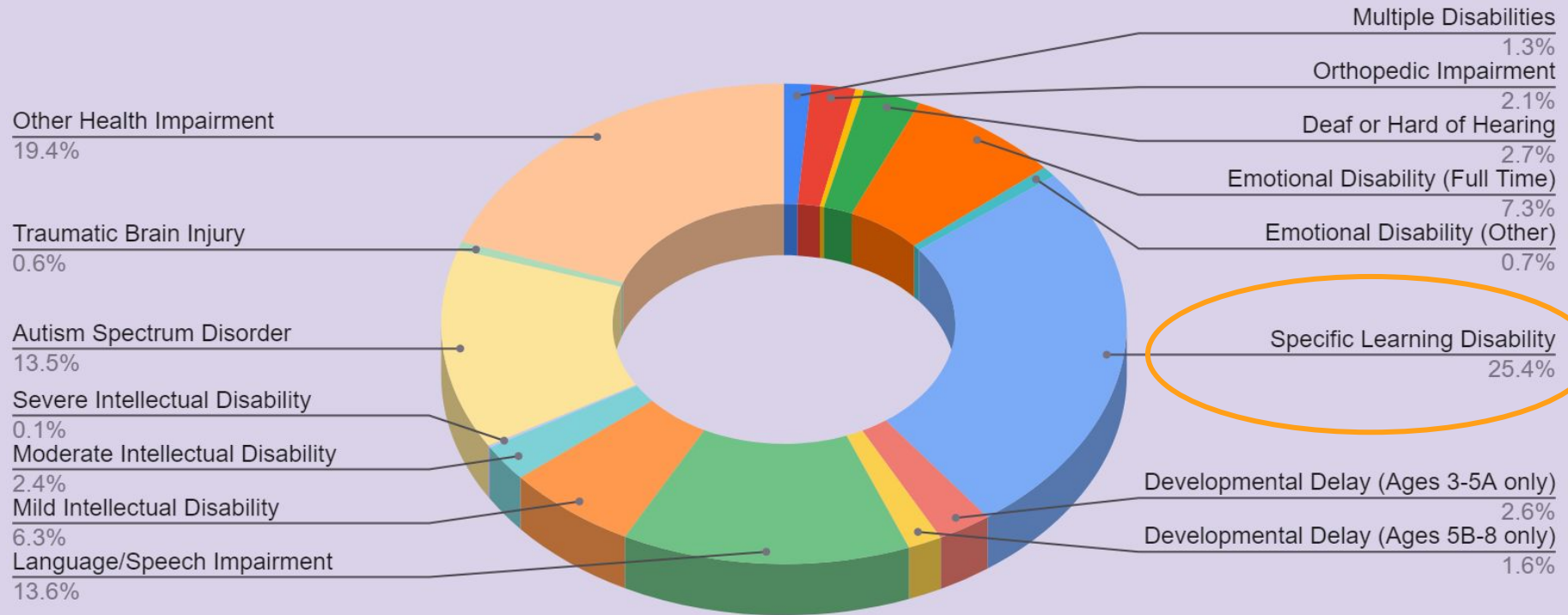
Enrollment of Students with Exceptionalities has increased by +16% since 2014-2015

But the district only grew +4.5%

School Year	Special education enrollment	% change
2014-2015	2208	
2015-2016	2220	+05
2016-2017	2316	+4
2017-2018	2392	+3
2018-2019	2554	+7

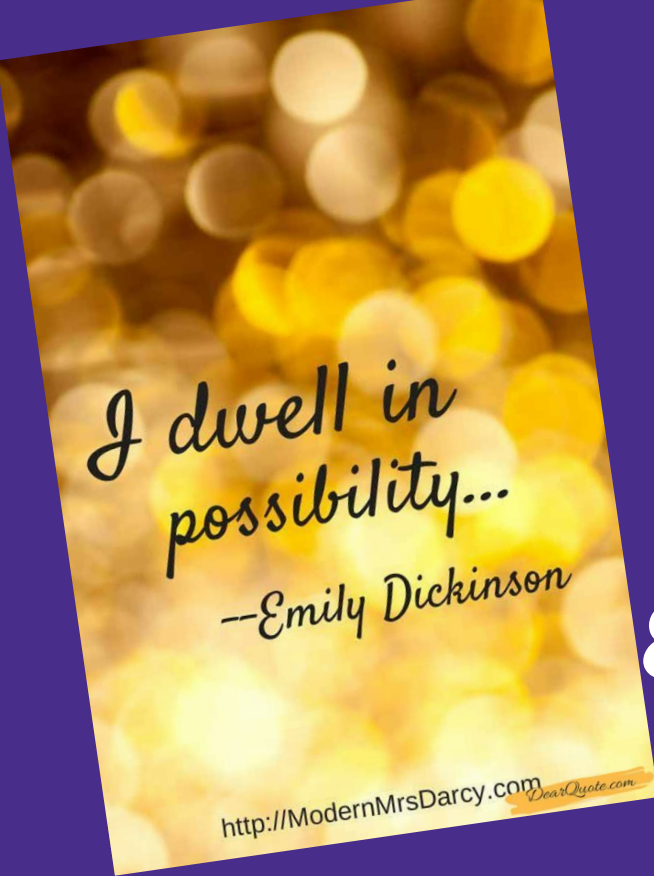
What are factors behind the increase?

# Enrollment by Exceptionalities



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*I dwell in  
possibility...*  
--Emily Dickinson

<http://ModernMrsDarcy.com> DearQuote.com



# Experiences

# Proud Progressions





Our **WHY** gives our  
**WHAT** more impact!



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# Our Amazing Grace

**Not all scars show,  
not all wounds heal.  
Sometimes it's just  
not visible,  
the pain that someone  
feels.**



# Our WHY

## Wayne Township Preschool



## Developmental Kindergarten



## Equity and Inclusion

Inclusion is not simply about physical proximity. It is about intentionally planning for the success of all students.

[thinkinclusive.us](http://thinkinclusive.us)

National Inclusion Project

# Our WHY

## Student Support Centers

In my world there are  
**NO BAD KIDS,**  
just impressionable,  
conflicted young people  
wrestling with  
**emotions & impulses,**  
trying to communicate  
their  
**feelings & needs**  
the only way  
they know how.  
- Janet Lansbury

## Sanders



## THRIVE

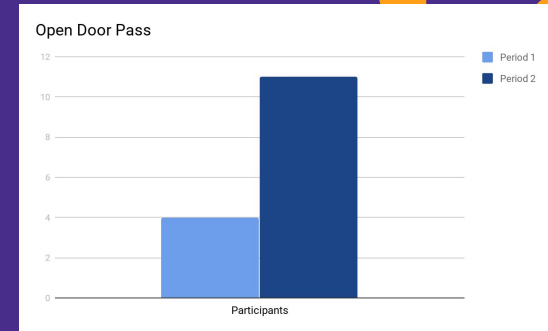
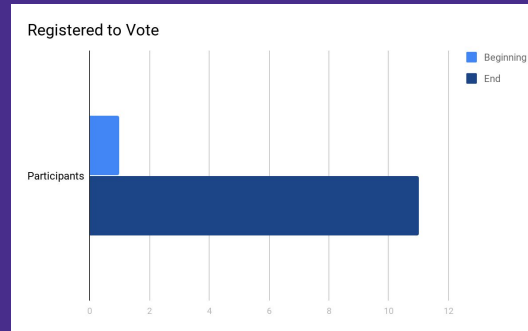
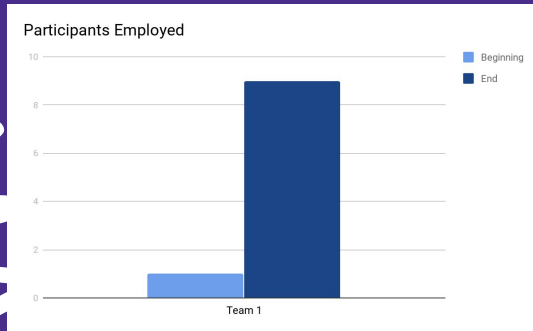


"I am most proud of the ability to offer pieces of the overall quilt of life."  
~Pennie Gregory

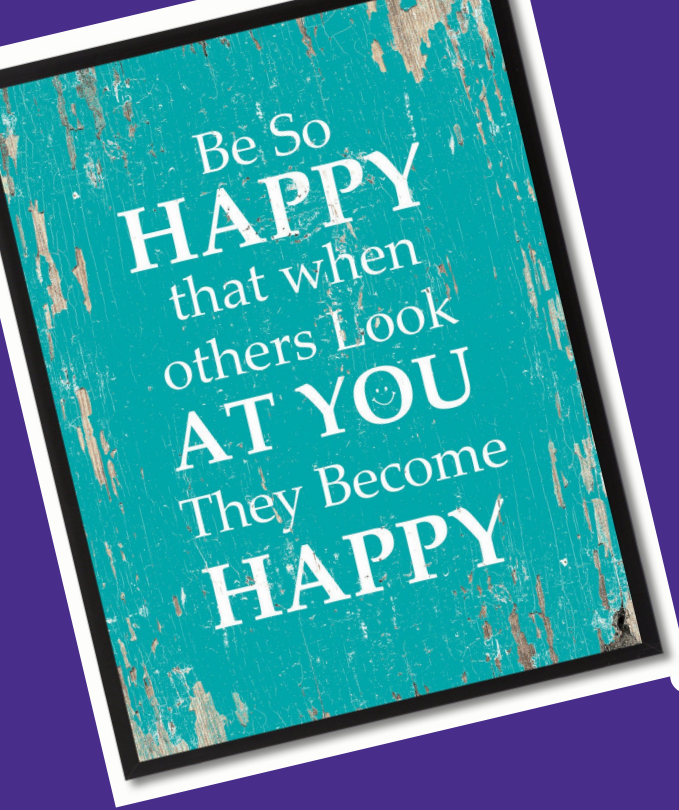


# Our WHY

## Transition Center



Having appropriate transitions with peers, gaining employment, ability to have voice and independence in my community to be able to participate as an productive citizen.



# Celebrations

## All of our champions







# First Annual Unified Game Day

Special Olympics Unified Schools empowers youth and educators to be leaders of change. By playing and learning, we will ALL create a more inclusive world. The goal of Unified Champions is to offer all students equality, access, opportunity, respect and acceptance.



# Dare to Dream



March 5, 2020



# Partners in Success



And countless  
others!

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# **Servant Leadership**

**#wearewayne**

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- **Indiana CEC President-Elect**
  - **Indiana Delegate for DC Child Advocacy Network**
  - **ICASE Deputy Treasurer**
  - **IUPUI Adjunct Professor**
  - **International and National Conference Presenter**
  - **Published Researcher**
  - **Chief Advocate**
  - **Equity Team Facilitator**
  - **3rd annual African-American Excellence in Education award winner**
  - **Indiana State Group Leader SEL4IN**



# Grant Opportunities

\$1.2M Social, Emotional and Behavioral Wellness – Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation

\$500,000 Sanford Inspire Grant Teaching and Learning – University of Indianapolis

\$9,996 Indiana Healthy Workplace Grant – Indiana State Department of Health



**Thanks!**

