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QUESTION:

How do we reassure parents that their child's needs (IEP) will be met in the home schools if the learning centers are closed?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: NA

ANSWER:

The superintendent of schools has announced a revised special education proposal that would allow all special education students in grades 6 through 12 who are currently in secondary learning centers to remain there through graduation. The revised proposal phases out learning centers over a six-year period, but continues the effort to include more special education students in general education classes. A budget amendment will be forwarded to the Board of Education to implement this revision.

Parents may be assured that the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team at their student's current school will determine the services and supports needed to make progress toward each child's identified goals and objectives. A systematic plan has been developed to identify the services and supports that will need to be in place for the coming school year.

Each school will provide a continuum of services and settings to implement the IEPs, including any accommodations that are identified. Many students will be included in general education classes with appropriate supports and accommodations. Some students will receive small group instruction for specific classes or skills. Individual student progress will be monitored and schools may request additional staffing from a reserve that has been designated for this purpose, if needed.