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Millburn Public Schools

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To: Board of Education Members
From: Elizabeth Keefe
Subject: Special Services Report

We have screened more than 30 candidates for the 2 special education positions posted for the upcoming school year. We are setting up formal interviews this week. The Stevenson HS job fair had over 1200 applicants vying for only a handful of jobs. This flooded job market is giving us some excellent candidates.

The Annual Review process is underway for all of our students with special needs. Between now and the end of May we will have met with the parents and educational teams to plan for the needs of over 250 students.

Next month I will brief the Board on a study conducted for SEDOL and its member districts on how our special education performed on ISAT's, compared to surrounding districts, SEDOL classrooms, and the State for 2006, 2007, and 2008. More specifically, looking at the gap in AYP between the general population and the special education population and how we have managed to consistently close that gap each of those years.