

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
PRESENTATION ON THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTINUUM

February 27, 2023

Background:

The HCPS Department of Special Education believes that individuals with disabilities achieve their full potential in a comprehensive and coordinated birth to 21 system of services emphasizing high expectations for all. Special Education in Harford County Public Schools is a collaborative effort involving schools, families and community agencies working together to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all children with disabilities, birth through age 21.

Discussion:

This presentation provides an overview of the HCPS Special Education continuum which includes a comprehensive and coordinated system of services to address the individual needs of students with disabilities, birth through age 21, who have been determined eligible for Special Education. Included in the presentation is information related to:

- federal and State Special Education laws;
- current Special Education staffing;
- data related to the placement of HCPS students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment;
- a description of specialized regional programs available to IEP teams as placement options when a student's needs supersede the supports that can be provided in a student's school of residence; and
- goals for future expansion of the Special Education continuum.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept this informational report on the Special Education continuum.