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Students:

Next school year we will have three students attending Woodland's Partners in Transition, a program serving students ages 18-21. Students receiving 18-21 services in Woodland attend school in a house located adjacent to the old high school property. They learn skills such as laundry, house cleaning and cooking all in preparation for independent living. During their day students take trips to the store and attend off-site work experiences. I am excited our students are able to continue their education within a school that is close to our district. At some point in our near future we will hopefully start planning for our own 18-21 program within the La Center Community.

Enrollment:

For the 2016-2017 school year we are projected to have about 203 students in program. We have grown six students in the past month. Last year at this same time we were building our programming based on 168 students.

Services for a Variety of Needs and Abilities:

We are officially wrapping up one year of services for our own Special Education Department, Preschool through Twelfth Grade. I am truly thankful for all your support throughout this school year as we transitioned from ESD 112 to become a fully operational, student focused service for La Center students regardless of their ability level. As we have grown by thirty-five students this year our team has been flexible enough to provide services for all 203 students. We were able to assemble a team of professionals who have focused on students. With that team we have been able to provide P-12 Transition and K-12 Resource services that are able to meet the needs of students with a variety of ability levels. Additionally, we have supporting services of paraeducators, psychologists, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and American Sign Language interpreters. I am very proud of this team and their work this year to support our students.

504 Update:

By design, our 504 process will be tested this year with new members to our 504 teams. With the addition of two new counselors the plan is to connect with our counselors in August and review the process so there is a smooth start to the school year. Additionally, we will attend a 504 training in early October specifically addressing IDEA 504's.