

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE: APRIL 20, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: ALEXIS WILDE, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS AND SUMMER HOURS

COMMENTS:

Each summer an Extended School Year (ESY) program is conducted for a specified number of students with disabilities. These students need extended school year services during the summer months to prevent serious regression of academic and social gains achieved during the school year. The program will be held Monday through Thursday, 5 hours per day, July 6-23, 2026.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Hours by Staff Member</u>
High School (ASD/DCD)	5 Teachers 13 Paraprofessionals 1 Health Para	up to 65 hours up to 65 hours up to 65 hours
Middle School (ASD), K-8 EBD, K-12 Regression/Recoupment	2 Teachers 4 Paraprofessionals	up to 65 hours up to 65 hours
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	1 Teacher	up to 140 hours
Vision	1 Teacher	up to 40 hours
Paul Bunyan-Early Intervention	2 Teachers 4 Paraprofessional	up to 33 hours up to 33 hours
Home-based (Ages 0-2)	Up to 6 Teachers	up to 1,200 hours
Gene Dillon (ASD/DCD/SMI)	7 Teachers 24 Paraprofessionals 1 Health Paraprofessional	up to 65 hours up to 65 hours up to 65 hours
OT – District-wide	Up to 2 OTR/COTA	up to 280 hours

Speech – District-wide 3 Speech Therapist up to 165 hours

Individualized Programming Up to 2 Teachers up to 76 hours

Each summer the following staff are provided with extra days to conduct assessments, intake students returning from treatment programs, intake new students with special needs, meet with parents, staff, students with special needs and complete other work related to the requirements of our special education due process compliance.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>
School Psychologists (4)	up to 85 hours (each)
Social Workers (3)	up to 24 hours (each)
Due Process Facilitator	up to 125 hours
ECSE Part B Evaluator/TOSA	up to 400 hours
Part C ECSE	up to 1,080 hours

ACTION:

The motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried () to approve the 2026 Special Education Extended School Year Programs and summer hours.