

SPED Task Force Members,

I would like to submit the following written testimony supporting the full funding of Special Education.

On behalf of USD108 Washington County Schools Board of Education, we support the full funding of Special Education at 92% of excess costs. Our district is comprised of 352 students K-12 and we are spending \$20,810 per month from our Local Option Budget to supplement the current Special Education funding. The \$249,720 that we supplement annually would be a huge help to provide added services and staff to help ALL students in our district. These funds would enable our district to add support programs and staff to assist the students that need extra academic help. To ensure that we can provide academic support to ALL students, we need Special Education to be fully funded.

Thank you,
Rod Stewart
USD108 Board of Education President