

Tab #11 - Special Education Assistants (SEAs)

Item:

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Analysis:

Please see Tab 10 of the 2006-07 Budget Volume 2. With 10.82 unassigned SEA allocation in the new proposed 2006-07 budget, there are sufficient resources to respond to enrollment changes and service delivery needs for the coming year. Furthermore, because the MMSD has a directive from the Wisconsin DPI to dedicate 15% of our 2006-07 IDEA entitlement funds approximating \$750,000, to be used to "***provide comprehensive coordinated early intervening services to serve children in the district, particularly children in the groups that were significantly over identified***", these targeted dollars cannot be used to fund special education including the salary or benefit costs of special education assistants. Rather, the funds must be used to support services and supports to children not yet identified as having an impairment and need for special education but at-risk of being referred.