

Tab # 26 - Elementary Schools

Item:

26.1 – Lead Elementary Principal

Analysis:

Please Tab #10 of the 2006-07 Budget Volume 2. 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 special education teacher and/or SEA costs. 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.

The duties of the Elementary Lead Principal position have been redesigned to directly support early intervention activities at the elementary level, most notably support and guidance to the principals and staff at the ten synergy school sites that are connected with the National Institute for Urban School Improvement partnership with the MMSD. These ten schools represent some of the highest disproportionate percentages of students of color in special education.