



Carroll County Schools' Board Report

Special Education Program

January 15, 2012

The WHAS Crusade for Children Grant was submitted this week. The grant was for \$18,500. We should know by the end of the school year if we will be receiving the grant. The grant request is for funding Project Discovery Materials for vocational awareness and skills for our low functioning students and 18 laptops to be used by students in the special education classrooms throughout the district to gain independent skills.

We presently have 16 Functional and Mental Disabled Special Education Students who will be working with the Project Discovery materials in order to help them understand mentally and physically the challenges and skills needed to be successful in the world of work. This will also assist them to gain the knowledge about career choices to make a more informed decision on what path they want to consider after they leave high school. This will provide them training to become productive citizens in the world of work. Presently our High School has programs for the other disability areas in our Technological Vocational School and our Community Based Work Transition Program; however, these programs do not meet the needs of some of our lower functioning students in preparing them for work related jobs. The Project Discovery materials should help us in accomplishing this challenge for the school and students.

The laptops will help students to use technology by their having the capability to have their textbooks read information to them and help the struggling writer to use typing with a laptop to assist them to express themselves to others. This will help students become more independent in their own learning by providing another resource to support them outside of another person reading and/or writing for them. These laptops will also provide on line work to help the struggling learners in their academic courses if their attendance, mental abilities or behaviors impact their success in classes.

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