

IESBVI & ISD

IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED
IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

**FY 2019
Appropriation Request**

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Special Schools Progress

Students served

IESBVI

- 669 students
- 193 school districts

ISD

- 98 Students on campus
- 4 students Northeast Regional Academy
- 5 Distance learning ASL students
- 38 school districts

Iowa's school
districts served: 57%



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Special Schools Progress

Extended Learning students served

Blind/visually impaired activities

- 22% IESBVI students attended at least one of 41 activities in 2016-17.

Deaf/hearing impaired activities

- 32% (104) increase in campers
- 30 participated in Des Moines summer reading program

**“I say ‘I CAN’ because I can either modify it, or I can figure out how to do it on my own, so I don't give up.”
- Emma**



Special Schools Progress

Transition program

4PLUS: Post-secondary learning for ultimate success.

ISD

47 students/last 5 years

- 39 working/college
- 1 stay-at-home parent
- 3 completed college program
- 5 unemployed

IESBVI

First blind student on ISD's campus in 2016

- 4 students fall, 2017
- Student from 2016 is independent

87%

ISD 4PLUS employment

49%

National employment



Special Schools Progress

IESBVI goal

By 2021, all K-3 students will make adequate progress in reading.

- **IESBVI teachers ensure all students are assessed**
- **IESBVI teachers ensure accommodations meet needs of students**
- **Assist local district to align interventions with student needs**
- **IESBVI reports achievement progress**

75%

Percentage of students participating in FAST (K-3) assessment

29%

Percentage of students making adequate progress in reading



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Special Schools Progress

ISD goal
All students will show
growth by 2021.

Fall, 2016 ISD results

69% Students showing
growth in reading
15% increase 3-year average

67% Students showing
growth in math
20% increase 3-year average



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Special Schools Progress

Efficiencies

Seek, implement and share service functions between the schools.

Consolidated business office systems

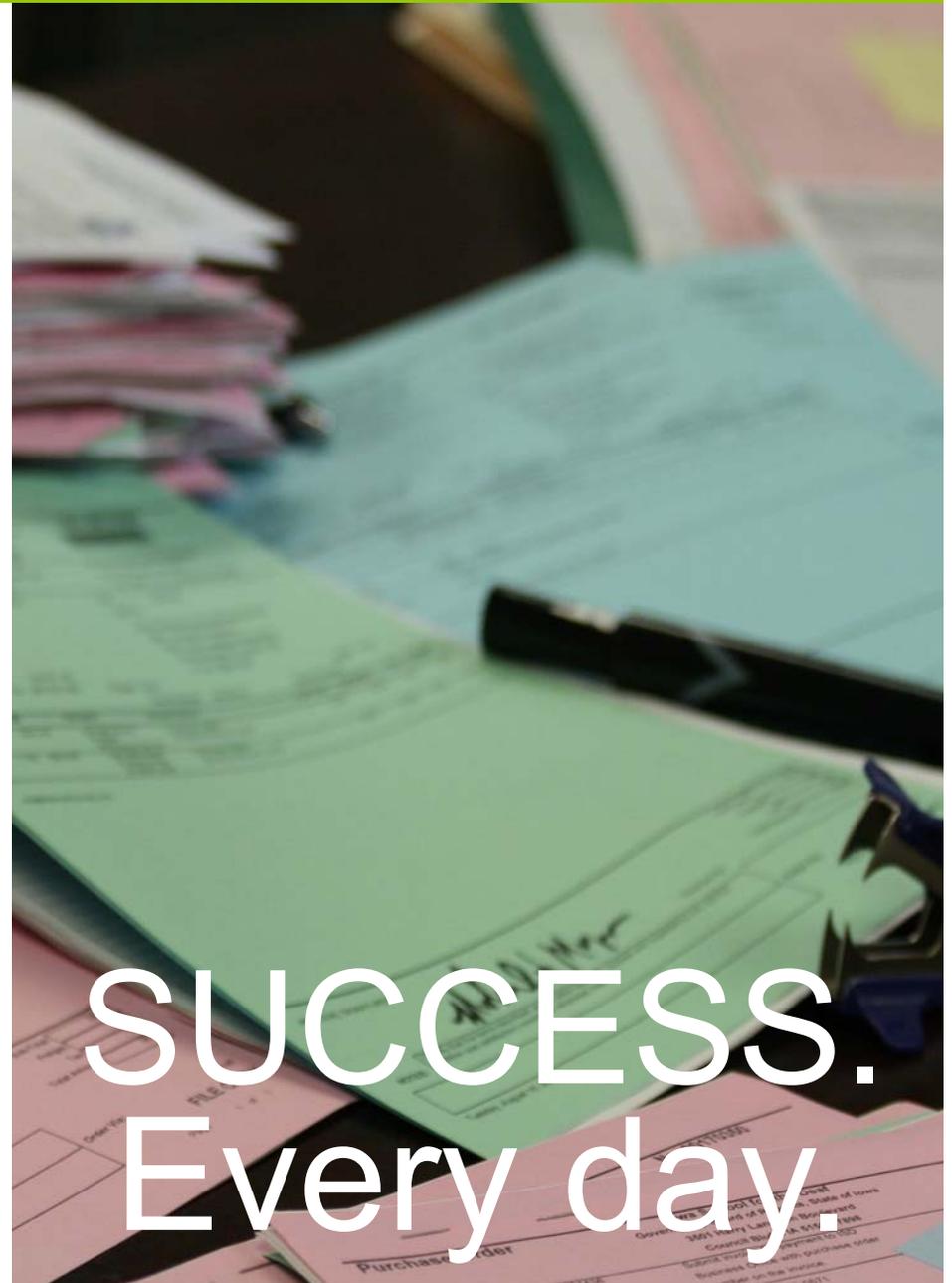
Consolidated IT leases/purchasing

Vehicle leasing

Shared positions

\$135,000

Ongoing, annual savings
**created in FY17*



Special Schools Challenges

Reading Delays

37

Percent of deaf K-3 students are adequately progressing in reading

Average age students are entering ISD

9 1/2

4

Average years of reading delay when entering ISD

NEED

Early access and intensive, specialized instruction

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Statewide Challenges

Students do not have access to a continuum of services.

Collaborative

Added to the continuum:
Northeast
Regional Academy
meets needs of
students where
they live.

Efficient

- specialized teachers
- specialized instruction
- Intense braille/sign language
- services close to home

Result

Increased proficiency
in math and reading



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Special Schools Challenges

Aging high school

- 1 Built in the 1930s
- 2 Inadequate ventilation
- 3 Lacks fire suppression system
- 4 Water seepage
- 5 Electrical systems need upgrading

Upgrade
needed

Capital project appropriations have not been made for the Special Schools since 2000.



Resources Needed

4% Special Schools incremental increase

- Primary source of funding for operations
- Improve faculty recruitment/retention
- Continue high-quality, individualized instruction

\$245,000 Regional Academy

- Access to meaningful communication through specialized teachers
- Help balance continuum of services available throughout Iowa
- Increase reading proficiency

\$4.2 million Infrastructure need

- Provide safe and modern learning environment

