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Dear Parents and Families,

A Passion For Learning should not be limited to a select few students; rather, our standard of excellence in academic rigor and our foundation of JOY in Jesus should be for all of God's children. As part of our ongoing commitment of keeping an 'open door' policy, Trinity is embarking on a journey to service more students with additional learning needs.

Each year, students with individualized education plans (IEPs) are given additional opportunities for success, but only at select schools (primarily local public schools). Today, we are excited to announce our intent to participate in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) beginning in the fall of 2021; and we are equally thrilled to welcome Mrs. Lorrie Becklund as our first-ever Special Education Director. Mrs. Becklund brings with her over 30-years of experience in special education, specializing in autism and general learning disabilities. Along with general learning disabilities and autism, our special education profile will also include speech and language therapy.

In our first year, Trinity's participation in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) will minimally provide up to ten (10) scholarships for students in 4K through 8th-grade with a qualifying disability and IEP to receive a scholarship to attend Trinity. This replaces a family's need to pay tuition for that student, and/or replaces their need to file Choice paperwork. Here's how it works:

1. Parents submit a request to the public school district (of their residency) to have their child evaluated for potential learning disabilities (or, they may share an existing IEP with Trinity); districts must complete an assessment within 60 calendar days (Trinity teachers will work with our parents to help identify potential needs.)
2. Should an IEP be developed, families would then work with Trinity on an accommodation plan, and parents sign-off on a plan outlining our services for the IEP while simultaneously completing an SNSP application;
 - a. Trinity verifies the application with 1) an authorized IEP, and 2) residency documentation.
3. Trinity notifies our local education agency (LEA) – which is Mequon-Thiensville - of the completed application and shares the accommodation plan.

In the coming months, our teachers and resource staff will be working to evaluate current data to make recommendations where necessary to parents. If you think your child might qualify for a learning disability, please talk with your teacher first. A full description of our program will be available soon. We are thrilled to be rolling out this program, and likewise ask for your patience as we navigate into new educational territory. This is an exciting and **BOLD** next step in Trinity's history! Praise God for the opportunity to serve more students!

In Christ,

Dr. Sam Seefeld
Principal