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Category: October 1 Child Count

RE: 2024-2025 Misreported Student Counts

This letter is to correct the School District of Southern Door County's October 1 Child Count data.

During the review of the December 2024 WISEdash December Student snapshot report, we noted the occurrence of some errors. As part of our commitment to transparency and accuracy, we believe it is essential to promptly address these discovered discrepancies.

“DPI's WISEdash snapshot recorded a count of [165] students, ages 3 to 21, on the October 1 Child Count for the [2024-2025] school year. The correct [2024-2025] October 1 Child Count number, ages 3 to 21, should be [164].

*Of those [164 total ages 3 to 21] students, [18] were students ages 3, 4 and 5 on October 1.”

When trying to submit our 25-26 IDEA Flow-through budget, we received a note that indicates our counts entered on the Private Schools - Parentally-Placed Enrollment of Students with Disabilities screen are lower than what was captured in the WISEdash October 1 child count snapshot.

We previously coded certain homeschooled students as Parentally Placed Private (PPE) in their enrollment because we agreed to provide special education services. However, we discovered that those students were still included in state and WISEdata counts, which was an error. We will now ensure that this student, and others in similar situations moving forward, will be excluded from state and WISE reporting.

Please accept this letter as official notification of the data error.

Sincerely,

David Desmond/Director of Pupil Services