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## **Rapid Growth In Schools Participating Special Needs Scholarship Program**

*Like Statewide Program – Schools Enter Program to Meet Parental Demand*

Today, the Department of Public Instructions released the list of schools that have registered to participate in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP). The program was initiated in the 2016-17 school year and had enrollment restrictions removed in the last legislative session.

For the fall of 2018, 84 schools will participate in the SNSP, 56 of which are new to the program. Here is the school history for the program:

- 2016/2017: 26 schools
- 2017/2018: 28 schools
- 2018/2019: 84 schools

Enrollment for the SNSP will begin on July 1 for students entering the program in the fall of 2018. Currently there are 246 students in the SNSP. That number is expected to increase significantly.

“Once again, we see schools responding to parental demand for the Parental Choice Programs in Wisconsin,” Jim Bender said. “For students with Special Needs, this program will provide support for educational opportunities all over the state.”

The full list of schools and DPI press release can be found here:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2018-58.pdf>