**Gladstone Special Education Programs and Services- updated Jan 2022**

**District Programs:**

1. **Life Skills** – for students assessed with Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability and assigned a C category designation, G designation for autism, D designation for chronic health or a combination of 2 or more of these three. Staffing: 1 teacher and 5 support staff with up to 15 students. The learning focus is on life skills, work experience and functional academics.
2. **LA Life Skills (LALS)** – for students assessed with Mild Intellectual Disabilities and assigned a K category designation, G designation for autism, D designation for chronic health or a combination of 2 or more of these three. Staffing: 1 teacher, 2 support staff with up to 15 students. The learning focus is on life skills, work experience and functional academics with student integration in one or more electives.
3. **Learning Support Program (LSP) –** for students who have been assessed as having learning disabilities and have been assigned a Q designation. The program is staffed by one teacher but does not have any support staff. Students have 4 academic subjects with the program teacher and are integrated for PE and electives. Most students complete the program through grade 8 and 9, then for grades 10 – 12 either participate in our Pre-Employment Program (PREP) where they earn credits towards graduation with a Work Experience focus, move to a District Alternate Program or are integrated into the regular program at Gladstone.

**Skills block** – for students in the regular program who have Individual Education Plans or Student Learning Profiles. Students may choose to have one block in a semester of academic and skills support, replacing an elective. Students who have a Skills block may also receive some SSA support in their other classes.

**Deadline dates and timelines for secondary program placements:**

Referrals for Life Skills and LALS are past due and Learning Support Program referrals are due Feb. 10th. Please work with your SBTs and district staff to help you and your parents make the best placement decisions for students. Program placement offers for LALS and Life Skills programs will be made between Jan. 31st – March 11th and offers for LSP will be made between Feb. 28th – May 30th.