## **Mission Statement**

At Regional School District #10's Student Support Services Department, we believe that all children can learn as outlined in our vision statement. This requires appropriate educational programs and services for those students with specific learning problems, whether immediate or through age 21. The overall educational objectives of these students does not differ from that of other students. The intent of these programs and services is to enable special students access and be included in all of the curricular and extracurricular opportunities afforded non-disabled peers while reaching their academic, social, physical, and emotional potential. Goals of the Student Support Services Department are: collaboration between regular and student support services staff for improved learning of special education students; frequent communication between school and home and that students obtain authentic learning and assessment experiences to achieve the concepts listed below.

The Student Support Services Department will ensure that all students be educated to become responsible citizens in the ever-changing society of the twenty-first century. They will acquire the skills, knowledge, and ethics that will lead to learning as a life-long process. While this may require assistive technology, the department will continue to provide the latest innovations in equalizing environments and enabling communication. Concepts that graduating students, whether 18 or 21 years old, will understand are many and varied. Students will understand the stages of human life and our relationship with the world. Students will communicate appropriately and effectively. Students will value, understand and participate in creative expression in a multitude of mediums. Students will understand their role in society. They will understand cultures and differences of societies and races other than their own. Students will understand past and present events in our culture and that of others. They will become ethical, effective users and producers of ideas and information. Students will recognize and practice health-enhancing lifestyles that promote physical and emotional growth. Students will demonstrate ethical behavior and respect for themselves and others. They will develop and use critical, creative thinking and problem solving skills within their individual capabilities. Transitional needs to the adult world will be a major focus of the students as they approach their high school years. The Student Support Services Department is committed to this mission. While the tasks we have dedicated ourselves to may be difficult and sometimes seemingly unattainable, it is our mission to provide the very best education for all students so that they may thrive and flourish; reaching their potential and beyond.