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## Special Needs & Student Success – KNEA Seminar

In Kansas, as well as the rest of the nation, the number of students with special needs are increasing. Educators in nearly every classroom and school incorporate a variety of skills, strategies and methods in order to accommodate and provide equal learning opportunity for students with special needs. Learning disabilities, physical disabilities, and other conditions which can affect a child's ability to learn often require unique and individualized intervention. Highly qualified teachers come to classrooms with specific training for meeting these needs. However, as research into best-practices evolves, teachers often use collaborative opportunities to share new strategies.

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, two KNEA local affiliates (Ark Valley UniServ & UniServ District 114) are hosting a full-day seminar called Succeeding with Special Needs Students in the Classroom. This seminar will be held at Eisenhower Elementary, 301 E. Wickersham Drive, McPherson, Kansas. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. attendees will have an opportunity to attend break-out sessions hosted by a variety of experts in special needs education.

**“KNEA members are leaders in every aspect of student growth and learning. Teachers in Kansas public schools embrace the opportunity to engage with colleagues and lead from the front. This seminar is a huge benefit for districts throughout Kansas,”** said KNEA President Mark Farr.

Scheduled to Present:

Richard Harrison Ph.D, Project Stay (Supporting Teachers And Youth)  
Rebeckah Helget, Director of Special Education, Wamego Special Services Cooperative  
Inge Esping, Para Facilitator, McPherson Special Education Cooperative  
Sheri Nakai, Gifted Educator, McPherson County Special Education Cooperative  
Christy Hasch, School Psychologist, Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas  
Sheila Mortimer MS Ed., Autism Consultant, Central Kansas Cooperative in Education  
Tracey Pettijohn, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Reading Specialist, Stafford, USD 349  
Vici Jennings, Principal, Wamego Middle School  
Shirley Muncie, Retired Teacher, Hutchinson  
Rhonda Bird, Assistant Director of Special Education, Central Kansas Cooperative in Education  
Tambra Stuckey, Special Ed. Teacher, Hutchinson

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