

EXCLUSIVE: 138 of MPS' 140 School Psychologists Refuse To See Kids In Person; Most Staff Refuse To Provide Emergency Intervention For Special Needs Kids

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The Milwaukee Public School System, facing a growing crisis of special needs children falling back without in person instruction and counseling, has asked various staffers to volunteer to see some of the children in need by reporting for in person services. The vast majority said no as leaders of the Milwaukee Teachers Education Association continue to pressure staff to oppose any in-person work.

According to an MPS source, the district has hundreds of nurses, psychologists and teacher specialists who work in the special education department, but only twelve volunteered to come in to provide emergency intervention. The district has 140 school psychologists. According to the MPS source, only two volunteered to see kids in person.

The Centers For Disease Control has called for reopening of schools because of the psychological and educational damage done to kids with some indication special needs children are falling back worse than other kids. MPS has refused to open schools at all and is one of the few districts in the state to not even allow kids to come in for professional services. Now, they can't even get these "professionals" to volunteer at full pay. All of the MPS specialists continue to draw pay even though they have refused to physically come in to work.

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