

RESOLUTION NO. 264

**AUTHORIZING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR
YOUNG CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Introduced: 5/13/24

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to New York State Education Law, Albany County is required to provide an approved preschool special education program for children ages three to five years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition, and

WHEREAS, As of November 2017, the law was amended to establish that all school districts are approved evaluators of preschool students suspected of having a disability, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreements with the School Districts listed below for the provision of preschool evaluation services for young children with special needs at the applicable rates established or approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), where Albany County is reimbursed 59.5% for costs incurred in the delivery of these services after backing out Medicaid reimbursement for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the School Districts listed below for the provision of preschool evaluation services for young children with special needs at the applicable rates established or approved by the NYSED, where Albany County is reimbursed 59.5% for costs incurred in the delivery of these services after backing out Medicaid reimbursement, for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Albany City Schools
Berne-Knox-Westerlo
Bethlehem
Cairo-Durham
Cohoes
Duanesburg
Green Island
Greenville
Guilderland
Menands

Middleburgh
Mohonasen
Niskayuna
North Colonie
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
Schalmont
Schoharie
South Colonie
Voorheesville
Watervliet