

# SCCSD Exceptional Education Department

December 2015



## Mississippi's Statewide Autism Training Initiative

The SCCSD Exceptional Ed. Department hosted the MS Statewide Autism Training Initiative on December 3-4, 2015. The professional development was offered to general education and exceptional education staff members that were involved with teaching students diagnosed with Autism.

A variety of participants, including general ed. staff, exceptional ed. teachers, teacher assistants and principals from across the district attended the informative training.

## Collaborative Teaching in an Inclusive Environment



On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Exceptional Education staff members participated in a professional development that focused on collaborative efforts to increase student achievement. Teachers learned about co-teaching models, effective planning strategies, and evaluation methods.



The SCCSD Exceptional Education Department is excited to participate in this year's Special Olympics. All events will take place at MS Valley State University and the District will provide the transportation

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics Athletes and their community.



## Teacher Involvement

To facilitate community participation in the education process, Mr. Reddy, Inclusion teacher from Gentry High School partnered with a local community bank. This partnership leads to an opportunity for our students to get Equipment for Science Lab. With motivation of Mrs. Cindy Taylor, EE Director and Mr. Randy Ball, principal, Mr. Reddy completed a grant project that enabled Gentry High School to purchase three M148-E USB2.0 digital camera microscopes which are compatible to view the picture on the computer screen during group activities and M30-ABS-KT2\_WM microscopes which are useful for student's independent assignments

