

SPECIAL SERVICES

MR. BOB SCALES - Co-ordinator of Special Services -
1958 to present

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Duties:

Co-ordination of Special Services: personnel - transfers -
New Canadian classes - special classes - learning assistant teacher -
referral problems and associated services - district testing -
diagnostics - psychologists - special counselors - retarded school -
any area not connected with normal areas of teaching, behavioural,
emotional and social.

Development of the Program

- Started in 1958 in Richmond following a course given in
Toronto on "Mental Health & its Relationship to the School"
- One special counselor for the whole of Richmond in 1958
who also had some extra duties
- Explains the present staff of:
 - 1 - co-ordinator
 - 2 - counselors
 - several part-time resource people
 - 2 - educational psychologists
- Emphasizes presently in the elementary schools
- In Junior Secondary schools the main problem of motivation
is handled by learning assistant teachers
- Advises parents of program --explains
- One student involved at the beginning of the program in
1958, now 5% of 10,000 school population with 85 - 90
children per counselor per year
- A follow-up shows that it saves taxpayers money

Special Schools

- Special school for retarded children in existence for
15 years at Shell Road and Steveston Highway
- An enrichment or incentive type school to open in Sept./75 -explns
- A drop-out school to open Sept./75 - explains
- Talks of the programs now for the retarded person

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