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It is with confidence that we are able to support our children as the professionalism and expertise of therapists who specialize in the development of children are able to identify those that require support, and further support teachers throughout the screening, assessment and intervention process. The provision of written reports including assessment results, possible learning goals, and strategies for school and home enable teachers and parents work towards helping their children achieve success.

The children identified through this process who meet achieve the goals set out for them successfully enter grade one prepared for the classroom setting. Those that require extra support are forwarded onto the Student Health Partnership (SHP) model for continued support and intervention. As these children are identified and supported early, they are meeting their goals early before a mild or moderate need manifests itself and the child is determined to have a severe need in future years.

Renfrew Educational Services (RES) is also contracted to provide service to our students through the Student Health Partnership (SHP). The integrated service delivery is cornerstone to helping meet the needs of our diverse student population.

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