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Board Report

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- Professional Development
 - McKendree University, in collaboration with Perandoe, presented a session in the WHS Auditorium for district paraprofessionals, Speech Language Pathologists, Social Workers, and Special Education Teachers. The session, titled "Behavior is Shaped by the Environment," focused on how classroom arrangement, social interactions, and routines influence student behavior and success. It emphasized that even small changes to the environment can create a positive space conducive to student growth. We were happy that 38 paraprofessionals were able to attend this high-quality professional development opportunity.
- IAASE
 - Vicky and Christy attended the Illinois Alliance for Administrators of Special Education conference in Rosemont, IL. This conference provided excellent networking opportunities with other special education administrators from all over the state. Sessions focused on leadership attributes, ISBE Cyclical Monitoring, Least Restrictive & Inclusive practices, and development of behavior intervention plans.
- IEP meetings
 - Individualized Education Plan meetings are being scheduled regularly. Early Childhood through Grade 5 has held approximately 102 IEP meetings so far this year. These meetings arrange provisions for special education services throughout the year.
- EC/PK CARES Team
 - The Early Childhood and Pre-Kindergarten team has established a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) team, which meets bi-monthly to collaboratively support PK/EC teachers in providing targeted interventions for students demonstrating academic, social, emotional, or adaptive challenges. Through a data-driven approach, the team helps identify and implement early intervention strategies and resources to address student needs in the general education setting.