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Professional Development:

Vicky and I attended the IAASE Conference on October 9-10, where we received updates on legal and regulatory matters pertaining to special education, including areas such as attendance and student discipline.

Paraprofessional training:

District paraprofessionals participated in a professional development session at Waterloo High School titled "Behavior is Shaped by the Environment." The training was provided through a collaboration between Perandoe and the McKendree University School of Education. This session marked the first in a three-part series of behavior-focused trainings scheduled for paraprofessionals during the 2025-2026 school year.

Building level meetings:

Vicky and I have been attending IEP meetings throughout the district to enhance the effectiveness and consistency of our special education meeting procedures. In addition, we have participated in building-level problem-solving meetings to support staff in developing intervention strategies prior to initiating special education referrals.