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# Board Report

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**Bi-County Institute Presenters**

The EC-5 Special Education Department was well-represented at the recent Bi-County Institute, where several staff members demonstrated exceptional leadership by sharing their expertise with regional peers:

- Casie Anderson & Kristen East: Presented practical strategies and insights on implementing the research-based *Readtopia* curriculum for students with complex learning needs.
- Sarah Bartosik & Amanda Hill: Facilitated an Early Childhood roundtable and led a session detailing high-engagement strategies used in their blended PK/EC classroom.
- Becky Mudd: Led a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) roundtable, guiding collaborative discussions around field-specific challenges and practical solutions.

We commend these educators for their dedication, professional passion, and leadership within our educational community.

**Walkthroughs & IPI Scans**

Several special education teachers were recently included in classroom walkthroughs and Instructional Practices Inventory (IPI) scans across our elementary buildings. Their reflective mindset and continuous drive to elevate instructional quality for all students are impressive!.

**Behavior Change Team**

Composed of Waterloo social workers, speech pathologists, and Perandoe staff, our Behavior Change Team has already logged extensive observation and coaching hours—working directly with staff to implement data-driven, positive behavioral interventions in our classrooms.

**Alternative Report Cards**

Teachers serving students in our functional curriculum programs are currently reviewing and evaluating our student assessment process to design a redesigned report card system. The goal of this initiative is to provide parents with clearer, more meaningful quarterly progress updates that complement the standard IEP goal progress reports.