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Board Report

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- PK Literacy Night
    - The PK team hosted a successful Literacy Night at Zahnow Elementary, bringing students and families together for engaging activities that promoted early literacy, communication, and fine and gross motor development. The event reflected a collaborative effort among PK teachers, K–1 teachers, speech-language pathologists, and Perandoe occupational and physical therapists. Community programs were also available to connect families with valuable resources and services close to home. The event was made possible through a grant from the Illinois Education Association, written and coordinated by Sarah Bartosik, Amanda Hill, Allison Biffar, and Morrison Talbott Library.

- IAR Test Scores
    - The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test scores for students with IEPs are currently being analyzed. Overall, students with IEPs demonstrated an increase in growth percentile points of 11 points in ELA and 9.5 points in Math. We continue to use this data as one piece of the puzzle to guide curricular decisions and instructional practices that promote academic growth for all students with disabilities.

- IAASE
    - Christy Osterhage and Vicky Mudd attended the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) conference in Rosemont, IL. Sessions focused on current legal trends and best practices related to the IEP process, affirming practices, strategies for supporting students with challenging behaviors, and strengthening special education instruction. Information and resources gathered at the conference are being shared with teachers to support continued professional growth and inform instructional practices and programming across the district.