

Pupil Services-Board Report

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Teaching, Learning, and Relevance-

- State testing is quickly approaching, and the logistics involved are significant. Mark has done an excellent job coordinating this effort. A sincere thank you to our teachers and paraprofessionals for their support during testing. It truly takes a team to ensure everything runs smoothly.
- We are currently in the middle of our Procedural Self-Compliance Audit for special education through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. At this time, the state is reviewing a sample of our IEPs from this fall. We expect to receive feedback between now and April, which we will use to ensure our IEPs remain compliant and effectively meet student needs. The state will then pull an additional random sample of IEPs between April and the end of the school year to verify that we have implemented any required corrections.

Whole Student

- We are partnering with Cooperative Educational Service Agency 9 to streamline our PK–12 social and emotional learning curriculum. Our counselors will work closely with CESA 9 to ensure the curriculum is implemented consistently and with fidelity across all buildings.
- Scheduling and staffing conversations will be underway in each building as we plan for next year and align services with students' IEP needs. Our staff continues to demonstrate flexibility and a strong commitment to ensuring student needs are met.

Communication & Community Engagement

- Our students participating in Project SEARCH in Rhinelander are having a very positive experience. This transition program supports students in our 18–21-year-old program by providing real-world work experiences at Aspirus Hospital and the YMCA, with the goal of securing employment in the community.
- We are also collaborating with Lincoln County to have Narcan available on-site in our schools. I will be coordinating training with the county for our administrative team, office staff, and school nurse.

District Workforce

- We currently have a middle school special education position open. We have received two applications and look forward to learning more about the candidates to determine if they will be a good fit for our district.