



Director of Student Services November Board Report

Goal One – Student Learning



Strengthening Inclusive Practices Through Collaborative Support = District 66 continues to prioritize inclusive and equitable teaching and learning by leveraging available resources and professional partnerships to strengthen classroom support. This school year, building-based support teams across all three schools have actively partnered with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) to enhance instructional practices and student learning conditions. Through collaboration with SASED's School Improvement Instructional Support (SIIS) and Assistive Technology Teams,

district staff have engaged in targeted coaching, problem-solving, and professional development opportunities designed to foster responsive, student-centered learning environments. These collective efforts reflect the district's ongoing commitment to ensuring that all students, especially those with diverse learning needs, are supported in classrooms where equity, belonging, and high expectations guide daily practice.

Goal Two – Whole Student Development

Gold Circle of Quality Recognition = District 66's Preschool for All (PFA) program at Elizabeth Ide Elementary School has been awarded the Gold Circle of Quality by the Illinois State Board of Education through ExceleRate Illinois, the state's quality recognition and improvement system for early learning programs. The designation reflects the program's strong commitment to excellence in instructional practices, family partnerships, staff qualifications, and program administration. The recognition was earned through a rigorous evaluation process using the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS-3) and the ISBE Compliance Checklist. We extend our sincere appreciation to those who have played a key role in growing our preschool program, both in the past and at present, including: Nicole Homeier, Tania Forsman, Kim Workman, Cheryl Novotny, Jennifer Shearer, Christine Stortz, Barb Conley, AnnaMaria Parker, Jillian Rancatore, Jessica Urban, Julie Vergo, Emily Crema, Emi Maren, Jori Knagge, Leah Gurnic, Louis "Ruth" Malcolor, Beth Pesavento, Stephanie Sorn, Eli Stellwagen, Katie Johnson, Mark Pagel, Laura Gilmartin, Dr. Kimberly Liles, and Dr. Andrew Wise. We are grateful for their teamwork, dedication, and commitment to providing high-quality early learning experiences for our youngest learners



Goal Three – Readiness



Student Services Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Family Engagement Evening = On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, the District's Student Services Parent Advisory Council (PAC) hosted a family engagement evening at Elizabeth Ide Elementary School for parents and guardians of students receiving IEP or 504 support services. The event provided families an opportunity to connect with one another, meet PAC members, and share ideas and experiences in a relaxed and supportive setting. Snacks and refreshments were provided as families built meaningful relationships and strengthened partnerships focused on

supporting student growth and success. Feedback from participants reflected appreciation for the welcoming environment and the chance to collaborate directly with district representatives. Additional PAC engagement opportunities will continue throughout the school year to promote ongoing communication and family partnership.