



**Director of Student Services  
December Board Report**

**Goal One – Student Learning**

**Paraprofessional Appreciation** = Paraprofessionals play a vital role in supporting students with diverse needs across Elizabeth Ide, Prairieview, and Lakeview Schools. Their dedication is instrumental in fostering student growth, providing essential resources, and creating inclusive learning environments. By offering individualized support and encouragement, paraprofessionals help students build confidence and achieve their potential. I encourage you to take a moment to personally thank a District 66 paraprofessional for their invaluable contributions to our students' success.

**Goal Two – Whole Student Development**

**Multi-Needs Collaborative Planning** = The student support team at Elizabeth Ide meets weekly to plan and coordinate efforts to meet the needs of students in the multi-needs program, contributing to the development and success of our newly implemented Multi-Needs programs at both Elizabeth Ide and Prairieview Elementary School. By reviewing student progress, creating individualized strategies, and ensuring access to necessary resources, the team plays a pivotal role in building a solid foundation for these programs. The collaborative approach fosters a nurturing and inclusive environment that supports student growth and well-being while aligning with the broader goals of expanding and enhancing multi-needs services across the district. These efforts not only address immediate student needs, but also strengthen the overall framework of our programs, ensuring consistency and success across both schools.



**Goal Three – Readiness**

**Cardiac Emergency Response Plan & Teams** = Our district has recently developed a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan to meet "Project ADAM" ([HB5394](#)) requirements from the State of Illinois. Supported by Project ADAM Affiliate Programs, the initiative helps schools develop plans to address sudden cardiac arrest through templates, consultation, and training. Each school has established a Cardiac/Medical Emergency Response Team with approximately five members, at least 10% of whom are CPR certified. Our goal is to achieve Project ADAM Heart Safe School Designation, recognizing schools that implement effective emergency response programs to ensure a Heart Safe environment for students, staff, and visitors. Special thanks to District Nurse Jennifer Peterson for leading this effort in collaboration with Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and the Darien-Woodridge Fire Department. Their partnership has been instrumental in creating an effective plan for our district.

**Parent University** = We are excited to announce our upcoming Parent University, hosted by the District 66 Student Services Department in partnership with the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). This event, titled "Guiding Your Child Through Growth, Learning, and Change," will take place on Wednesday, January 29th, from 6:00–7:45 p.m. at Elizabeth Ide Elementary School. Parents and guardians can attend up to three of five engaging presentations, receive handouts, and explore resources provided by local organizations, including the DuPage County ROE, Indian Prairie Public Library, District 66 Student Services, and more. We encourage families to RSVP using the Parent University Survey, available until Friday, December 20th. We look forward to seeing you there!