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April 2026 Board Report

Preschool for All (PFA) Conference

On April 13th and 14th, our early childhood team attended the **Preschool for All Conference** in Champaign. A highlight of the event was a screening of the documentary *No Small Matter*, which underscores the vital role preschools play in long-term family support and child development.

Our staff engaged in several high-impact breakout sessions, including:

- **Play Inspiration:** Strategies for articulating inclusive and interdisciplinary play from Pre-K through Kindergarten.
- **Early Literacy:** Implementing the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan to strengthen foundational success.
- **Operational Excellence:** A Q&A session regarding Early Childhood Block Grants and the EUNA Management System.
- **Efficiency in Screenings:** Transitioning from traditional "Pre-K Screaming" to streamlined processes utilizing Google Forms for data management.

Instructional Coaching

We are excited to announce that a specialist from **Amplify CKLA** will be visiting on April 21, 2026. This coach will facilitate collaborative sessions with each grade-level team to support the continued development and refinement of our literacy instruction.

Collaborative Observations

Rogers Elementary recently hosted teachers from the **Marissa School District**. These visiting educators observed 2nd and 3rd-grade CKLA classrooms in action. This partnership allows our staff to model best practices while helping neighboring districts make informed decisions regarding their own curriculum adoption.

Mathematics Vertical Alignment (Grades 3–5)

On April 16, 2026, a vertical alignment team consisting of 3rd through 5th-grade teachers met to ensure instructional continuity across grade levels. To guide our strategy, the team reviewed:

- **ISBE Resources:** Common Core State Standards and Performance Level Descriptors.
- **Emerging Guidelines:** Draft 2 of the **Illinois Comprehensive Numeracy Plan**.
- **Internal Data:** Various student performance metrics.

Next Steps: The team has established a preliminary timeline and goal set for the 2026–2027 school year, focusing on a seamless transition for students as they progress through the intermediate grades.