



Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Gina Finaldi
CC: Dr. Scott Warren
Date: September 25, 2025
Re: Student Services Executive Summary

- **Medicaid Billing Refresher Training -**

Related services providers had the opportunity to attend a Medicaid Billing (Workload Assist) refresher training on Sept. 18th. This training provided information regarding how to submit sessions that would be reimbursable for students who have an IEP and are also eligible for Medicaid. Workload Assist also manages all of the service logs for our related services providers.

- **CPI Training -**

In collaboration with the ELC, we are offering a number of training opportunities for nonviolent crisis intervention this school year. New special education staff or staff who have never had CPI training in the past (or if it has been longer than 2 years) will take the initial training, and all other staff will take a refresher training, which is only a half day.

- **Easterseals Professional Development and Coaching -**

We are excited to be continuing our partnership with Easterseals and their Autism Specialists who provide coaching and consultation to our IIP and Guided teams across the district. They assisted with the classroom set-up at Half Day School for the IIP classroom relocation, and their specialists will be providing monthly support for our new teachers throughout the first half of the school year.

- **STAR Autism Workshop -**

On September 29th we held a professional development session on the STAR Autism Program which is a curriculum and assessment system for supporting students with Autism. Staff from all three schools attended as well as staff from Aptakisic-Tripp District 102 who sent several staff members and will pay the district \$150 per person.

- **Branching Minds Update -**

We are in the process of scheduling our training with Branching Minds for our high-end MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) users, which will include our principals, interventionists, and

student services team. The 3-hour training will be in November and will be the first of two training sessions. The second one will be for all staff and will be scheduled in early spring.

- **New Special Education Regulations and Updated ISBE IEP Forms -**

ISBE recently released a number of new regulations as well as updates to the state IEP forms. Our district's legal counsel provided a webinar to review all of the changes, and we have been meeting to break it all down to staff and create guidance documents with instructions for the new procedures.

- **District MTSS/SEL Committee -**

The district MTSS/SEL (Social Emotional Learning) committee met for the first time on September 29th. We reviewed the highlights from Summer Workshops, discussed the focus/task breakdown of the SEL goals by building, reviewed the Social-Emotional/Behavioral Data being used to inform decisions for intervention, and reviewed the inventory of D103 Practices/Interventions. We plan to update the SEL action plans next time.

- **ISBE LEA Determination Review -**

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) completed its annual LEA Determination review of Illinois school districts. The IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) requires all states to make determinations about the performance of their local districts regarding the provision of special education and related services to students with disabilities. ISBE determined that District 103 "Meets Requirements" in implementing the requirements of IDEA. We attained a total score of 29 out of 30 possible points, earning 96.67% overall. This means that D103 was determined to be in compliance with the requirements of IDEA across all of the indicators measured:

- Indicator 6a: Early Childhood Service Delivery Settings
- Indicator 12: IDEA Part C to Part B Transition
- Indicator 5a: Least Restrictive Environment
- Indicator 4b: Suspension/Expulsion
- Indicator 9: Disproportionality
- Indicator 10: Disproportionality - specific disability categories
- Indicator 11: Child Find

- **Preschool Screening -**

The first preschool screening of the new school year took place on September 18th. Three children were scheduled for a screening. One passed, one was referred for further evaluation, and one was a no-show. Additional screenings will be offered in October, November, February, March, and April.

- **Status on Vacancies/Hiring-**

- We are looking to finalize hiring two Leave of Absence positions, one will be a direct hire (Occupational Therapist at Daniel Wright) and the other will be through a contractual agency (School Counselor at Half Day).

- We have been able to fill all of our associate vacancies.
 - Daniel Wright - Currently fully staffed.
 - Half Day - Currently fully staffed.
 - Sprague - Currently fully staffed.