Director of Special Education Board Report December 2025

There are currently several big projects going on, or just wrapping up in the special education department. We have concluded the annual audit and will soon receive the necessary paperwork to begin the Excess Cost project. This annual project for ISBE includes accounting for all money spent for special education by the district in 2024-2025. This includes grant money (IDEA FT, IDEA PreK, and Title) along with local funds. The annual financial report for our district is used for this project.

Currently we are involved in a special education review by ISBE. The state has broken all districts up into groups. This year we are in the group that was selected. They are reviewing policies, IEPs, evaluations, and timelines. This is a very large project and we are in the middle of it currently, with a January 30th end date.

At this time, we are also part of the district state audit as well. This is ongoing and we have not been given a timeline yet. As requests for data come in we will submit those items.

We replaced the iPads for our new speech team. This will allow them to use up to date apps that foster communication and assist with data collection. We have a high number of non-verbal and limited language students in our district. These iPads will help us in trying to increase the communication abilities of our students.