

## **Director of Special Education Board Report**

**November 2025**

We are doing well with our early year meetings and evaluations so far this year. With move-ins and our annual meetings, the start of the year can be very busy with regard to our required meetings. Thus far, we have met all of our timelines.

Now that our Speech Department is fully staffed, there are some good things going on. We have restarted our RTI (response to intervention) program. This allows our staff to work quickly with students. This either leads to a student improving, or getting an official evaluation for Speech/Language Services. We have, and are in the process, of getting them additional resources to work with our higher needs' students.

One of our partners for private day facilities, Menta Academy, is expanding. A few years ago, they opened a school in Millstadt to go along with the school in Belleville. They are now expanding the school in Millstadt to open a life skills program. This allows the district more options when we do have to make the challenging decision to move a student to an out-of-district placement facility.