

**Streator Elementary School District #44**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**June 19, 2018**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**TO:** Members of the Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Debra Martin, Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Professional Development Plan 2018-2019

**INFORMATION:** Each year, the District Professional Development is updated and the focus for the upcoming school year is created as part of the Steering Committee process. A Professional Development survey was sent to the district teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals. At the May Steering Committee meeting, the team reviewed the results and determined the top areas for teacher professional development:

- Individual Website Page Creation and Design
- Class Notebook and One Note (Office 365)
- Sensory Processing Issues
- More Autism Training
- Social Emotional Training
- CPR training
- Differentiated Instruction

The top 3 areas identified as a professional need for paraprofessionals were:

- Special education overview
  - Job descriptions
  - Role of the Paraprofessional
- Autism
- Behavior

The administration is currently working with both internal and external personnel to provide time and resources for the identified needs during the 2018-2019 school year.

Please see the attached Professional Development Plan and the Professional Development Early Release Calendar. The Professional Development Calendar is a fluid document that outlines the times and focus of our trainings and School Improvement efforts for the year. Many of the trainings carry over from year to year as we continually assess our professional development needs.