

Pupil Services-Board Report

Adam Spiegel
January 2026

Teaching, Learning, and Relevance-

- At our next in-service, our staff will be participating in Goalbook training. Goalbook is an online instructional design platform to help special education teachers create high-quality Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and deliver more effective instruction. Its primary intention is to bridge the gap between compliance and meaningful student progress. This is our first year using it, so we are learning together.
- 6-12 SPED staff will also be participating in Renaissance STAR assessment training. This is a benchmark assessment teachers are using to gather meaningful data on students to help target areas of need.
- We start the 2nd part of our DPI Self-Compliance Audit. A team member from DPI will be on site between January and February to review our IEP audit process. Our staff has done an amazing job going above and beyond to make sure we are compliant. We are learning a lot.

Whole Student

- We have 3 referrals for Gaggle Therapy. This amazing program is because of the \$10,000 donation from the union members from PCA. We are excited to see the difference this can make.
- Last month, we had 13 different students use Gaggle Reach Out. This is located on our district website. Gaggle ReachOut is a 24/7 crisis line that provides students with immediate, confidential access to trained counselors via call, text, or web chat.
- I applied for a \$10,000 grant through the State of Wisconsin to help fund social-emotional curriculum and preventative programs like Gaggle for our schools.

Communication & Community Engagement

- Our students at Project Search are doing an amazing job. Project Search is a transition program for students with IEP's. Students attend daily on-the-job training through Aspirus Hospital in Rhinelander. The goal is to help them find meaningful work after they are done with the program. This is run through the Rhinelander School District.

District Workforce

Current Work-

- We are still looking to fill an aide position that was left vacant when Ashley Hedges took the elementary position. Heidi Arndt is filling in, which is great!
- We will be posting our middle school special education teaching position at the end of the month.