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Superintendent's Report October 16, 2025

Update on Audit: Our auditors are working to finalize the AFR for us; however, it wasn't completed in time for this meeting. The state requires us to submit it by October 15th; however, the auditors have requested an extension on our behalf. Late submissions are not uncommon. We have been assured that we will have it in time for your review at the November board meeting.

Athletic Signs on the Fence: We have discovered that we have several students who were not recognized with street signs after progressing to state competitions. Mr. Burks and I are working on compiling that list and we will have Ace Sign Co. make those signs (one for the fence and one for the athlete). In the future, we now know that those signs have to be requested within 12 months of the contest and have to be accompanied by a letter from the town councils stating that they approve them to be placed on the highway.

Reunification Meeting: On September 19th, we hosted five school districts and a representative from ROE51 to discuss reunification in the event of a school evacuation. We worked with Athens, Delavan, Havana, Midwest Central, and PORTA to review our procedures and all that we have done to prepare for reunification. Mrs. Baugher has compiled our "Go boxes," which are housed at the Mason City Christian Church, for us to use in case of an emergency. We reviewed our procedures, and all the involved school districts have agreed to work together to support each other in the unfortunate event of needing to evacuate the school. We toured the Mason City Christian Church and planned locations for students, parents, and counselors in the event of a crisis. The other districts were impressed with our planning and are also considering using the Mason City Christian Church as their reunification site. We will practice a reunification on February 25th.

IASA Conference: I attended the Illinois Association of School Administrators conference in Springfield. At this conference, I was able to listen to three nationally acclaimed speakers: Thomas Murray, Ray McNulty, and Bill Daggett. The conference focused significantly on preparing for the unknown of the future and the impact of AI. After listening to these speakers, we are going to focus our October 31st in-service on revising our Workplace Readiness Skills and implementing them in the classrooms.



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Lincolnland Community College Partnership Meeting: I was invited by Dr. Jason Docktor to attend a meeting at LLCC to provide input on how we can partner to help our students succeed in both college and career opportunities. LLCC works with many local school districts to provide dual credit; however, they prefer to have classroom teachers lead the instruction. We would prefer that as well; however, most of our staff does not qualify for an instructor at LLCC because they do not have their masters degree in their subject area. LLCC did share that they have a large Career Expo in which they showcase many of the career paths in a hands-on way. We will consider this for our students next year. We also learned that LLCC provides professional development opportunities to staff, and we have worked to schedule them for our January in-service.