



Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Gina Finaldi
CC: Dr. Scott Warren
Date: October 24, 2024
Re: Student Services Executive Summary

- **Early Childhood Screening Update -**

We held a preschool screening on October 10th, and 3 children had screening appointments. Of those, 1 passed the screening with no further assessment needed; 1 was referred for further speech/language testing, and 1 was referred for a full evaluation due to more significant concerns.

- **ISBE Annual LEA Determination Review-**

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) completed its annual LEA Determination review of Illinois school districts. The IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) requires all states to make determinations about the performance of their local districts regarding the provision of special education and related services to students with disabilities. ISBE determined that District 103 “Meets Requirements” in implementing the requirements of IDEA. We attained a total score of 30 out of 30 possible points, earning 100% overall. This means that D103 was determined to be in compliance with the requirements of IDEA across all of the indicators measured:

- Indicator 6a: Early Childhood Service Delivery Settings
- Indicator 12: IDEA Part C to Part B Transition
- Indicator 5a: Least Restrictive Environment
- Indicator 4b: Suspension/Expulsion
- Indicator 9: Disproportionality
- Indicator 10: Disproportionality - specific disability categories
- Indicator 11: Child Find

- **Update on IEP Course for School Nurse-**

Forms were submitted to ISBE for our new school nurse at Sprague to take the Medical Review course coming up at the end of October through December in order to obtain the IEP designation.

- **Suicide Risk Assessment Training** -
Our district mental health staff team participated in Suicide Risk Assessment Training on October 10th (2.5 hours long). The training was provided by Dr. John Jochem. [Dr. Jochem](#) is a clinical psychologist who runs his own practice in Vernon Hills, and he also provided training to our entire district's threat assessment team. Our psychologists, social workers, and counselors attended this refresher training to enhance the practice of how to conduct suicide risk assessments.
- **Signs of Suicide (SOS)**-
Daniel Wright's mental health team began administering the Signs of Suicide screening on October 17th. 8th grade students were the first group to participate. There were 12 follow ups (students who needed further assessment based on the screening results). For perspective, there were 14 follow ups for 8th grade last year, which shows that over the years the program has been helpful and we are seeing slightly less students come up for follow ups over time. Themes surrounding academic performance, feelings of letting down family or not living up to one's expectations, and general stress management continue to appear. We are also seeing some push back from families in regards to their perceptions about mental/behavioral health, prioritizing mental health and acceptance of this serious topic. 6th and 7th grade students will participate in the screening over the next two weeks and we will continue to provide updates on the results.
- **1st Quarter IDEA Expenditure Report** - FY 25 Quarter 1 Expenditure Reports were submitted for the IDEA Flow Through and Preschool Grants.
- **IDEA Part B Consolidated Grant** - On 9/30/24 we received final approval from ISBE of our FY 25 application for IDEA Part B (Flow Through and Preschool grants). D103 will receive \$415,624 from Flow Through and \$9,456 for Preschool this fiscal year.
- **Data Team Meetings** - These are occurring at each building this month to review student needs for MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) across academic and social/emotional areas.
- **Panorama Student Surveys** - Teachers and students across the district are in the process of completing Panorama surveys for the fall universal screening assessment to gather data regarding students' social-emotional learning skills.
- **Special Education Associate Update** -
 - **Daniel Wright** currently has 3 vacancies (1 in Guided, 1 in IIP, and 1 for 6th grade gen ed support).
 - **Sprague** is currently fully staffed for special ed associates at this time. There is an anticipated vacancy due to an associate who will be doing her student teaching in

January, and there is anticipated vacancy due to a new student move in who is currently in an evaluation process.

- **Half Day** still has 1 special ed associate vacancy to fill due to a resignation (reason not given). There have been no qualified candidates applying to date.