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# January Board Report

## Professional Development:

On January 16th<sup>th</sup>, the district paraprofessionals had their 2<sup>nd</sup> session in the behavior series presented by a team from the education department at McKendree University. This presentation focused on providing strategies and tools to encourage students to make positive choices and reduce challenging behaviors. Thank you to Perandoe for collaborating with us to bring this to Waterloo for our paraprofessionals.

On Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, the WHS special education department met with Jordyn Kretchmer from HSS. She is an employment specialist that can assist with finding employment for students with services.

## Interventions:

WHS and JH special education teachers are preparing to introduce ReadLive to the students in the resource program. This is a web-based program that aims to improve reading skills, particularly reading fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. This allows for additional progress monitoring and improved instructional practices using research-proven methods for our students receiving services, grades 6-12.