

Pupil Services-Board Report

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Teaching, Learning, and Relevance-

As we gear up for the new school year, summer has been busy with professional development for both certified and support staff.

- **Trauma-Sensitive Behavioral Strategies** sessions were held on August 5th, with another scheduled for August 13th. Over 20 staff members attended, and the feedback—especially from support staff—was very positive. We are partnering with CESA to continue offering similar trainings throughout the year.
- **Standardized Test Administration Training** will be provided by CESA during our August in-service.
- **Progress Monitoring Training** will be led by Mark on August 15th, ensuring staff are prepared for consistent data collection.
- **Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI) Training** is scheduled with CESA for August 29th.
- We've also purchased **Goalbook** to support staff in writing high-quality IEPs. Initial feedback from staff during the demo has been very encouraging.
- This year, we are undergoing a **DPI audit**. I've been collaborating with Merrill's Director of Pupil Services to discuss strategies and best practices that will help us prepare effectively.

Whole Student

Current Work-

- We are exploring the purchase of **Gaggle**, a student safety management tool designed to help monitor and protect students' online activity both on and off campus. Gaggle will provide our administrative team with enhanced oversight of students' computer use, including monitoring web content, search activity, and potential concerns related to threats, drugs, and other safety issues. I recently spoke with the principal from Amherst, who shared that Gaggle has been an outstanding tool for their district, significantly improving their ability to proactively address student safety concerns.

Communication & Community Engagement

Current Work-

- We are required to create a community group for our self-audit through DPI. We will be working to create that group in the fall.

District Workforce

Current Work-

- We have finalized our support staff hiring. We feel we were very fortunate to hire some great people to help support our teachers and students.
- We have one SPED teaching opening at TES. We are actively looking to hire it right now!