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Board Report

Title I

Private School Participation: Title I requires that private schools be given the option to participate in a district's Title I program. As in the past, St. Mary's School has chosen to receive services under our Title I program. I have had several meetings with Cindy Brogan, who is the principal from St. Mary's to determine how to provide these services for students who have been identified as needing supplemental academic support. We have agreed that the best use of Private School Title I funds will be to provide a tutoring program at St. Mary's. Services to private schools are required to be conducted by a licensed teacher. To that end I am recommending hiring Rebecca Pyatt to lead the program. (see recommendation)

We received notice of our final Title I allocation last week and I will be working with Dr. Bleyer to amend the Title I application to reflect the additional funding.

The ESSA Monitoring Instrument and Performance Reports were submitted last week to ISBE for approval. These are two annual reports that are required each fall.

RTI

On September 18th I met with Laura Taylor to discuss Aimsweb and progress monitoring at the junior high. Laura reported that RTI is working much better this year and the system they are using has been simplified, making it easier to identify students and track their progress in meeting their educational goals. I also met with Ellen Fuller at Mt. Carmel Grade School. Ellen is coordinating Aimsweb in the building and will be providing required Title I data for periodic reporting. This is Ellen's first year in this position replacing Jody Golden.

Professional Development

September 25-26	Illinois Association of Title I Directors Fall Conference
October 12	Teacher Institute (Vertical Alignment)
October 15-19	Parents As Teachers (Tonya Johnson, Jody Golden and Gail Ritz)
October 25	School Improvement (Vertical Alignment)
November 15-16	Health/PE State Convention (Luke Simmons)
December 6	Student Discourse: Strategies for Facilitating Student Talk in the Classroom. (Lana Kendall)

IDOT Grant

The IDOT Local Alcohol Program began October 1st. The City of Mt. Carmel has signed an MOU with the district naming Erin Peach as Project Director for this grant. I will be assisting Erin in completing the activities of the grant and submitting all of the required reports to IDOT. This grant will support youth and parent prevention communication campaigns, classroom education about the dangers of distracted driving and evening reporting.