

**Building  
Bridges  
Together**



## **SEDOL Executive Board Meeting**

**January 23, 2025**

# Pledge of Allegiance

# Acceptance of Agenda

## Consent Agenda

# January STARS Student

Allen from Ms. Willkomm's Classroom at John Powers Center



# January Employee of the Month

## Lisa Winston

### Social Worker/Liaison



- Incredible asset to the social work department
- Goes above and beyond and is always willing to assist in any way she can
- “She inspires me to be the best social worker I can be and challenges me to go outside my comfort zone when appropriate.”



# Public Comment

# SEDOL

# Continuous Improvement Plan

- John Powers Center- Ms. Carey
- DHH Itinerants- Ms. Carey
- Sector Programs- Ms. Haney and Ms. Evans
- Vision Itinerants- Ms. Evans





## Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Community Transition

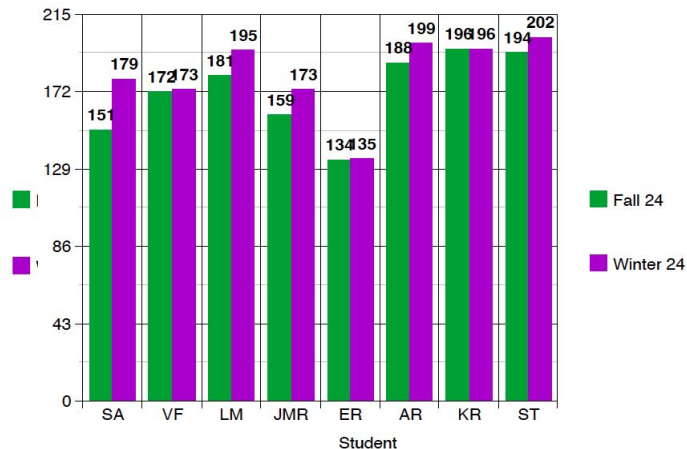
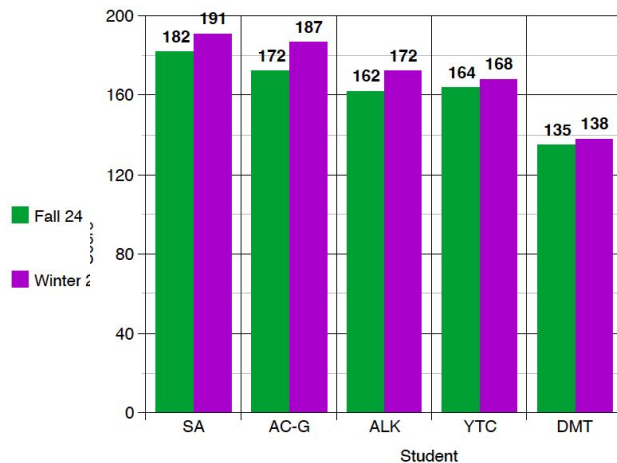
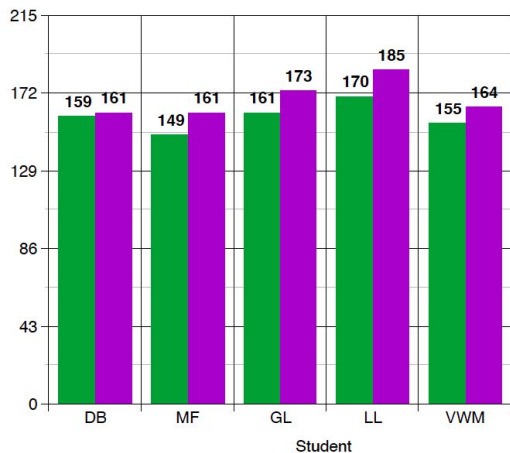


# CIP Goal Alignment

SEDOL CIP Goal I: Provide exceptional programs and services to meet the needs of students throughout the SEDOL community.

Goal III: Advance high standards and expectations

JPC Goal 2: Improve curriculum and instruction practices at John Powers Center by reviewing current resources, implementing new curricula and providing professional development opportunities for staff to enhance their skills in research-based instructional practices.



## Hearing Itinerants

- 5 Hearing Itinerant Teachers
  - Teachers of the Deaf that works with students with hearing loss in their home school
  - Servicing 35 different schools across Lake County
  - Hearing Itinerants work with students on advocacy, understanding their hearing loss, auditory skill development, vocabulary development, etc...



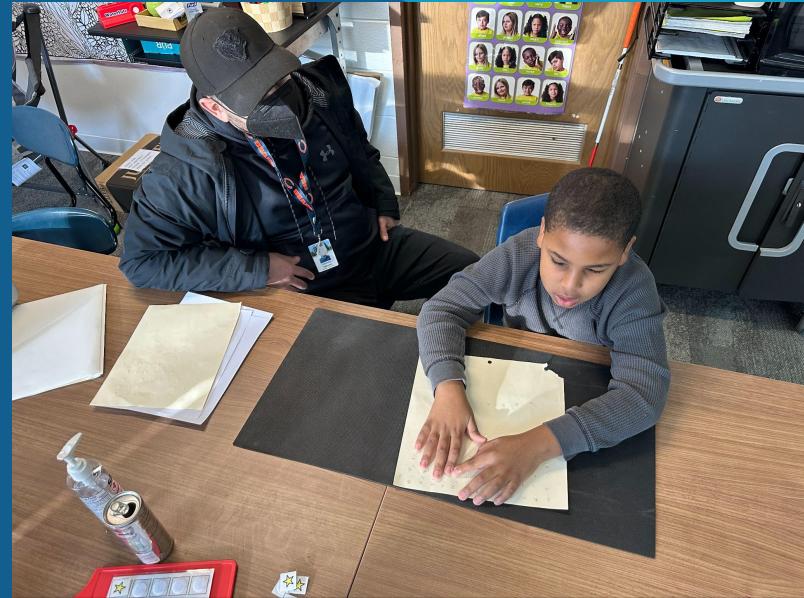
## Community Transition

- Two classrooms: 25 students
- Community Transition work on
  - independence
  - building daily life skills
  - community integration
- Work crews
- Build weekly budgets, grocery shop and cook
- Magic and Mentoring at CLC
  - develop self-confidence, plus verbal, motor and problem-solving skills



# Vision Department

Vision Service teachers provide services to students with mild to severe vision difficulties to enable them to function effectively in the classroom and develop skills necessary for independence. These services include direct instruction, consultation and or curricular modifications or adaptations.



# Vision Department

## CIP Goal 1:

Provide exceptional programs and services to meet the needs of students throughout the SEDOL community

- Number of students served:
  - 115 throughout Lake County
- Staff:
  - 5 Vision teachers,
  - 1 O/M (orientation & Mobility)
- Special events:
  - Low vision clinic: A great resource to our families!
- Great things Our staff participated in: Vision State Leaders update Best Practices Guidelines



# Sector Programs

Pam Evans, Supervisor  
Samantha Haney, Supervisor

## Programs:

- LASSO 1: Learning Opportunity and Social Skills Opportunity
- LASSO 2: Learning Opportunity and Social Skills Opportunity
- TAB: Teaching Appropriate Behaviors
- ELS: Educational Life Skills
- LASSO EC: Early Childhood



# Sector Programs

## Population:

- 85 Staff Members
- 137 Students
  - ◆ Students Transitioning Back to District Programs
    - FY 25: 7
    - FY 26: 15
  - ◆ 70 Students Mainstreaming
- Locations
  - ◆ Spaulding School, Gurnee D56
  - ◆ Prairie Trail School, Gurnee D56
  - ◆ Millburn Elementary School, Millburn D24
  - ◆ Olive Martin School, Lake Villa D41
  - ◆ Thompson School, Lake Villa D41
  - ◆ Fremont Intermediate School, Fremont D79
  - ◆ Fremont Middle School, Fremont D79
  - ◆ Woodland Middle School, Woodland D50
  - ◆ Butterfield School, Libertyville D70





# Sector Programs

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Community Based Outings for Life Skills Connection



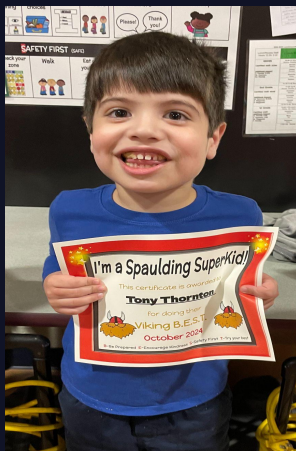
# Sector Programs



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### Star Students in Member Buildings



### Purposeful Speech Lessons



### Meaningful OT Sessions



# Old Business - Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard

FY23 Audit

## Old Business - Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas

Removal of Withdrawal request from D75/120

**New Business - Dr. Johns/Ms.  
Allard**  
**Business Office Financial Status Update**

## Business Office Financial Status Update

- Obtain Health Insurance Quotes
  - NIHIP & EBC
- Timelines for Skyward Implementation
  - July 1, 2025 - Financial Applications
  - January 1, 2026 - Payroll & HR

## Fairhaven School Bid Contracts - Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard

- Bid Opening January 17, 2025
- Roof, window and rooftop unit replacements
- Lowest bidder- Efraim Carlson Construction Company, Inc
- \$1,466,800.00

## Cybersecurity Contract - Mr. Crowley/Dr. Barbini

- KnowBe4
- Cybersecurity training and phishing defense
- 3- year contract (2025-2027)
- \$36,047.94 (\$12,015.98 per year)



# March Governing Board Meeting Agenda Review

Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas

# Closed Session

# Other Business Committee Reports

# Informational

## SEDOL Foundation - Ann Subry

### Upcoming SEDOL Foundation Events

- Ping Pong for the Kids - February 2
- Laremont Trivia Night - March 15
- Dinner Dance - April 26
- Pucks for Autism - June 20-22



# SEDOL Highlights Co-Interim Superintendents' Update

## **SEDOL Parent Forum**

**“An Introduction to Federal and State Benefits for People with  
IDD in Illinois”**

**Facilitated by Suzanne Aaron, Outreach Specialist  
The Arc of Illinois on January 14, 2025**

**This very successful and well-attended presentation has been supported by the SEDOL Foundation and part of a parent series this year to engage parents in important discussions for their children.**

## SEDOL Highlights

**ISBE Listening Session w/ Executive Director Dr. Nakia Douglas  
Hosted by Dr. Kelli Hartweg in D128**



## SEDOL Highlights

### Tuition Restructuring Advisory Committee Update

- Committee membership and format
- Roles and Processes for Decision-Making

### Next Steps regarding PA 103-0644

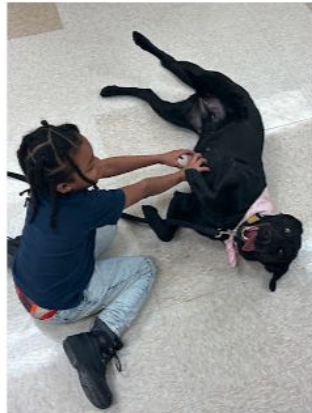
- SEDOL is completing applications for SEDOL programs to submit to ISBE.
- Updates from ISBE/IAASE on process for district reimbursement and advocacy efforts re: appropriations
- Further discussion/updates at IAASE conference 2/25



# Program Highlights

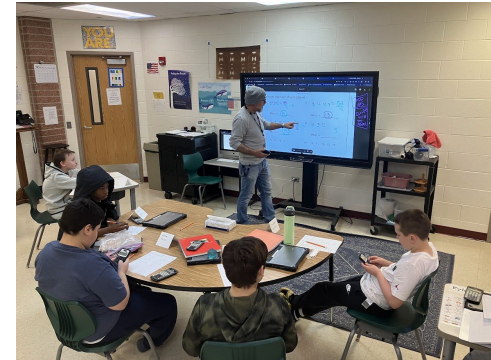
# Gages Lake School

- Hope, our therapy dog, has started attending GLS regularly.
- Collaboration with Rangers and Cyd Lash OI staff.
- Staff celebrated the return to school with spirit week and dressed up in daily themes.
- STAR student transitioned back to his home district following winter break.



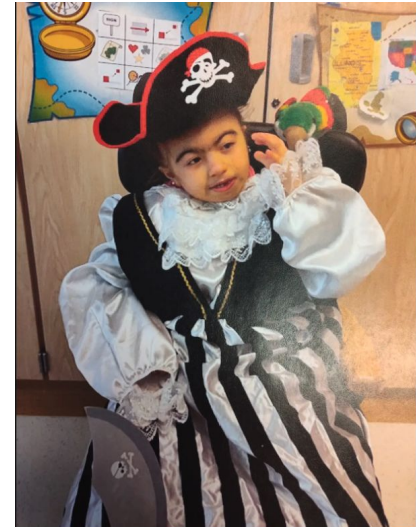
# Cyd Lash Academy

- New Middle School block schedule with content focus and student transitions
- Student led morning announcements
- Student growth goals for Academics, SEL, and Community
- Collaboration with Gages Lake Rangers and CLA OI share best practices



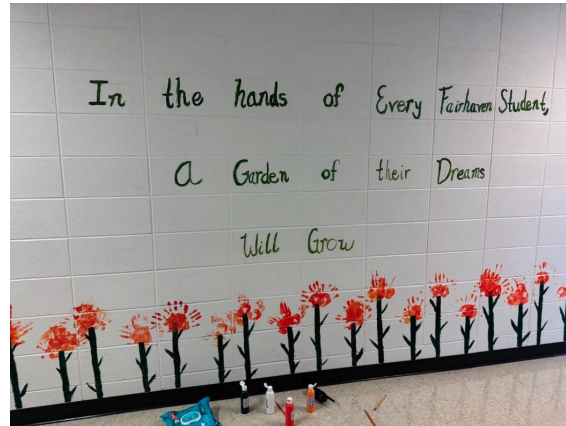
# Laremont School

- Students focusing on geography and map skills (student dressed as pirate below)
- New benchmark data tool implemented
- Two student teachers in 2nd Semester



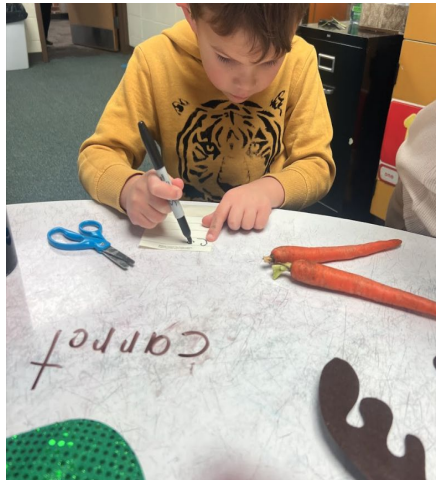
# Fairhaven School

- 4 students transitioned back to district or LASSO 2
- Data Days to review student progress
- Students contribute to school climate by creating artwork throughout the building



# John Powers Center

- Community sign classes begin January 22 at 6:30 pm
- MAP data demonstrates positive growth with new BRIDGES math curriculum

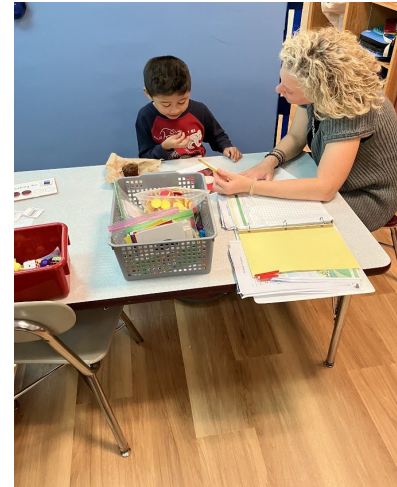


# RSSP

- Implementing new health curriculum
- Lake County Gun Violence Prevention presenting to staff on 1/29/25
- Nine new student referrals since Jan. 1
- The Community Works worked with students from two advisories
- RSSP will host ACT Testing for enrolled students in Spring 2025

# SECTOR

- 2 students partially transition back to their home district
- 2 students will return full time as of 1/21/25





# Vocational

- 1 student's janitorial internship has been extended until the end of the school year
- Administrative Building Cafe will begin afternoon hours
- a few days per week
- Students at Leiders Greenhouse clean up poinsettia production
- to begin spring planting

## Upcoming Events

### January:

Community Blood Drive- GLS Community Rm 1.29 1-5 pm

### February:

SEDOL Foundation Ping Pong for Kids 2.1

### March:

Laremont/Foundation Trivia Night - Lehmann Mansion 3.15

### April:

Miles of Smiles Dentist- FH, JPC 4.14

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Healthy Kids Week- John Powers 4.21-4.25

SEDOL Foundation Dinner Dance 4.26

# Executive Board Member Comments

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