



PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

"QUALITY EDUCATION WITH CARE FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT".

PAEC CENTER BOARDROOM - 9:00 AM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **CLOSED SESSION**
3. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**
4. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**
5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**
 - C. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**
6. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion on funding options for Geothermal.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPORT**
 - B. **ANSWER INC.**
 - C. **CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (CERP)**
 - D. **VISION 2023 RESOLUTION**
8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT**
 - A. **CURRENT DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2024-2025**

The information is attached.
 - B. **CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM STAFFING PATTERNS 2024-2025**

The information is attached.
 - C. **TRANSITION REPORTS**

The information is attached.
 - D. **INITIAL REFERRALS**

The information is attached.
 - E. **POLICE REPORTS**

There were two police calls made in December from PAEC High School.
 - F. **PAEC ACTIVITY FUND**

The information is attached.
 - G. **PAEC EVENTS**

The information is attached.
 - H. **PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

The information is attached.

I. PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES

The information is attached.

9. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD

10. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Happy Holiday's Email from First Student Transportation

11. NEXT MEETING

The next PAEC Executive Board meeting will be on February 13, 2025. District # 87 will be facilitating the meeting. Dr. Nicole Spatafore will be the Executive Board Representative for the Governing Board's February 19, 2025 meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**PAYROLL AGENDA
DECEMBER 2024**

| | GROSS | FICA | RETIREMENT | BENEFITS | TOTAL |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>12/15/2024</u> | <u>12/15/2024</u> | <u>12/15/2024</u> | <u>12/15/2024</u> | <u>12/15/2024</u> |
| Education Fund | \$ 475,804.86 | \$ 20,103.71 | \$ 13,021.78 | \$110,743.27 | \$ 619,673.62 |
| Building Fund | \$ 16,162.37 | \$ 1,229.62 | \$ 651.35 | \$3,276.97 | \$ 21,320.31 |
| TOTALS | \$ 491,967.23 | \$ 21,333.33 | \$ 13,673.13 | \$ 114,020.24 | \$ 640,993.93 |

| | GROSS | FICA | RETIREMENT | BENEFITS | TOTAL |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>12/20/2024</u> | <u>12/20/2024</u> | <u>12/20/2024</u> | <u>12/20/2024</u> | <u>12/20/2024</u> |
| Education Fund | \$ 489,722.46 | \$ 20,723.41 | \$ 13,277.95 | \$117,130.97 | \$ 640,854.79 |
| Building Fund | \$ 17,333.51 | \$ 1,319.21 | \$ 698.55 | \$3,512.64 | \$ 22,863.91 |
| TOTALS | \$ 507,055.97 | \$ 22,042.62 | \$ 13,976.50 | \$ 120,643.61 | \$ 663,718.70 |

ACTION ITEM – PERSONNEL REPORT
January 2025

A. Employment

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ladavia Caffey | 1:1 Program Assistant |
| Effective Date: | December 17, 2024 |
| Compensation | \$22,138 |

B. Resignations

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Adesia McDowell | 1:1 Program Assistant |
| Resignation Date: | December 2, 2024 |
| 2. Carol Del Raso | Occupational Therapist |
| Resignation Date: | January 31, 2025 |
| 3. Jennifer Passalaqua | Speech/Language Pathologist |
| Resignation Date: | December 20, 2024 |

C. Transfers (there are no transfers at this time)

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Shavontae Brooks | Program Assistant (PAEC HS) |
| Effective Date: | January 6, 2025 |
| Transfer From: | 1:1 Program Assistant (Proviso West) |
| 2. Janice Boens | 1:1 Program Assistant (PAEC Academy) |
| Effective Date: | January 6, 2025 |
| Transfer From: | 1:1 Program Assistant (District 88) |

D. Terminations

There are no terminations this month.

P.A.E.C. Academy Welcomes Back Ms. Jamie Kramer



P.A.E.C. Academy Crazy Holiday Outfit & Hat Day



P.A.E.C. Academy

Guess the Total Candies Winners

Camila Rubio, David Diaz & Victor Herrera



P.A.E.C. Academy Field Trip to Tivoli Theater

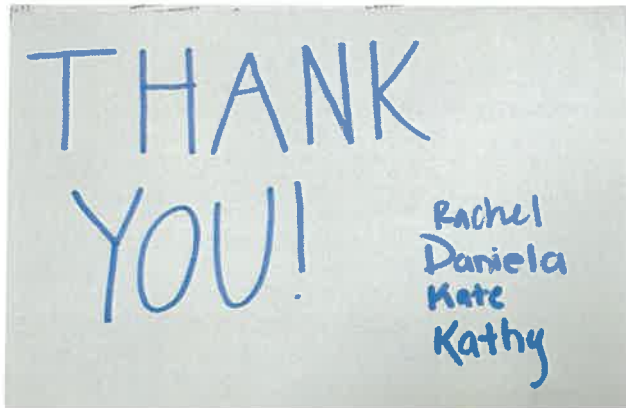


P.A.E.C. Academy Students Dance



P.A.E.C. Academy

Concordia University Student Teachers



P.A.E.C. Academy Tigers!



P.A.E.C. Academy

Girls Lunch Club with Ms. Nicole (SW) & Ms. Patricia (SLP)



P.A.E.C. Academy

Staff Breakfast Hosted by Therapists



P.A.E.C. Academy

Winter Coats for District 88 Students



P.A.E.C. Academy

Holiday Luncheon

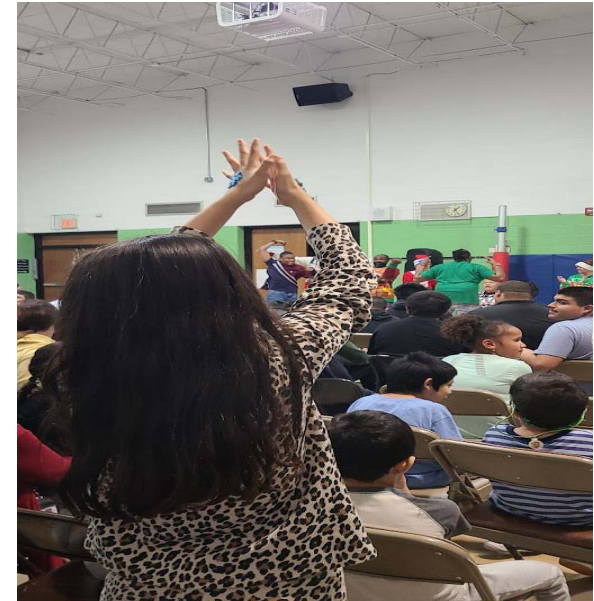


P.A.E.C. Academy Holiday Luncheon





PAEC CENTER CHRISTMAS SINGING 2024



Special Olympics Illinois – Region C High School Basketball Tournament
 Sunday, January 19th, 2025
 Divisions: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

| | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 | Court 4 | Court 5 | Court 6 |
|-----------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| 8:45 AM | Opening Ceremonies | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM | Div 11 D99 Hoops Team 1 Vs STEPS Eagles A- Team Game 1 | Div 11 PAEC PACERS Vs Wildcats Orange (Oswego 308) Game 2 | Div 10 U-46 Blue Stars Blue Vs Hinsdale South Hornets Game 3 | Div 10 West Leyden BRIDGE Vs LTHS White Game 4 | Div 9 Glenbard North Panthers Vs Glenbard South Raiders Game 5 | Div 9 Neuqua Valley Wildcats Gold Vs Hinsdale Central Game 6 |
| 10:20 AM | Div 8 RBHS Bulldogs Vs Addison Trail Blazers Game 7 | Div 8 Fenton Bison Vs OPRF HS Huskies Orange Game 8 | Div 7 STEPS Eagles B- Team Vs Morton Maroon Mustangs Game 9 | Div 7 York Dukes Green Vs D99 Hoops Team 2 Game 10 | Div 6 Willowbrook Warriors Vs D 200 Flying Tigers Game 11 | Div 6 Team 203 Fire Orange Vs Waubonsie Warriors Game 12 |
| 11:40 AM | Div 11 Championship Game Game 13 | Div 11 Consolation Game Game 14 | Div 10 Championship Game Game 15 | Div 10 Consolation Game Game 16 | Div 9 Championship Game Game 17 | Div 9 Consolation Game Game 18 |
| 1:00 PM | Div 8 Championship Game Game 19 | Div 8 Consolation Game Game 20 | Div 7 Championship Game Game 21 | Div 7 Consolation Game Game 22 | Div 6 Championship Game Game 23 | Div 6 Consolation Game Game 24 |



Congratulations to Ms. Bosley's class. Great job!



PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES FROM DECEMBER 2024

Business Department: Dr. Paul Starck-King

- Finance Committee Information
- Treasurer's Report (December 2024)
- 5-Year Facility Plan Updates
 - HVAC
 - Roof
- 5-Year Technology Plan Update

IT Department

New Devices and equipment:

All new equipment/devices have arrived. There were no major updates this month.

Buildings and Grounds Department

KCW serviced room 110 MCQUAY unit for Heat. KCW replaced a defective frost timer on the walk-in freezer. KCW serviced rooms 114, 115, 116, 172, 177 for heating issues. KCW serviced the wall heater in the elementary girl's bathroom and elementary entrance. Midcity plumbing power rod the urinal in the boys restroom at PAEC Academy and hydro jetted. American backflow was repaired to devices at PAEC Elementary.

Human Resources

- Managed/scheduled 4 background checks and/or onboarding
- Managed various ISBE EIS corrections & reporting projects
- Participated in Business Office Meeting 12/19/24
- 1 terminations
- Follow up with employees regarding the Dependent Audit Project
- Managed employee benefit issues
- Participated in SSCIP BOD meeting 12/6/24
- Participated in SELF BOD meeting 12/6/24
- Participated in ISBE webinar 12/12/24
- Consult with several employees regarding benefits info
- Input 7 employees into the GCN system (for online training)

PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES FROM DECEMBER 2024

PAEC Academy at Divine Infant

Picture Day was on December 3rd, and most of the pictures turned out very nice. On December 6th we had a Holiday Dance in the gym. Students were dressed in their crazy holiday outfits. The students had a great time. We also had a spirit day in support of our Basketball Team. Our Basketball team has won all of their games and has shown a great deal of improvement since the beginning of the year. Our monthly breakfast was hosted by the Therapists this month.

Some of the teachers have started FastBridge testing for the mid-year benchmark. We have one student currently transitioning back to Hillside District 93. After the Winter Break, the student will attend District 93 full-time. We also have one Berkeley District 87 student starting to transition back to District 87 in January. We are speaking with the district about another 87 student who is ready to transition back to the district. We are very proud of the progress these students have made.

We hosted a Holiday Luncheon on December 19, 2024. It was for all of our staff and students. Also invited were Mr. James, Mrs. Schmitt, and board members, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mason, and Mr. Dawson. Students from District 88 were provided with gifted coats, distributed by their home district.

We also hired a permanent substitute teacher who has been with us for about a week. We are very close to being fully staffed. Upon our return, we will have three new students starting at PAEC Academy.

PAEC Early Childhood

The Early Childhood program's numbers have stayed steady for the second month in a row. However, there are 4 students projected to start in January.

I was out for a week and a half for medical reasons and I would like to thank the whole EC staff, our secretary, Alvesa Thomas, and the PAEC Elementary Principal, Kelley Rowlen for making sure everything ran smoothly in all the EC classrooms. I returned and joined my team in celebrating the upcoming holiday season. We started on December 11th by going to take pictures with Santa at the PAEC Center. I am deeply grateful to Kim Baratta, Principal at Center, for the invitation. The last week of school we had our Holiday Spirit week. We wore holiday themed clothes and accessories. The majority of our students participated and had a great time.

This month the students studied Holiday themes and Winter Vocabulary (i.e. Snow, Snowmen, Gingerbread characters, Cold Weather words).

Some of the learning targets are now studied for two weeks in a row in order to make sure our students are able to learn and maintain the new concepts. Therefore there is still a letter of the week but now the colors, shapes and numbers are studied for two weeks.

The December academic targets were:

LETTERS: H, S

COLORS: Black and Brown

SHAPES: Oval and Star

NUMBERS: #6 and #7

The third week all the concepts were reviewed.

PAEC Therapeutic Day Elementary School

- Staff/Student
 - Current enrollment- 50 students (3 diagnostic placements)
 - Staffing- 3 vacancies (three permanent sub teachers)
 - Hired building substitute 11/26, starting 12/13
 - One teacher on FMLA for December- should return after break

- Transition Report
 - District 87- 5
 - District 88- 2
 - District 91- 0
 - District 92- 0
 - District 93- 1

- Behavior Management:
 - Physical management, Time outs (RTOs)- 1
 - Police/First Responder Calls- 0

- Academics:
 - Students completed midyear Fastbridge testing
 - Staff continue to implement current curricula daily, supplementing as needed
 - Curriculum review will begin in January; any changes to curricula used will be finalized for next year by end of March

- Monthly Update:
 - Volleyball season complete- 4 wins, 2 loses
 - Students participated in a variety of activities this month, including Door Decorating contest, student luncheon, scavenger hunt, and Holiday Olympics

- Upcoming events
 - January 24th- Therapy Dogs
 - February 28th- Black History Fair

PAEC Therapeutic Day High School

Academics

Happy Holidays from PAEC HS. We completed finals on December 18, 19, and 20 and ended our first semester successfully. Teachers completed the end-of-the-semester task and report cards are ready to be sent home. The transcripts will be finalized and sent to Proviso East and West the first week of January. All the teachers and students have their schedules with their new class assignments when they return from break. We are anticipating having our NWEA Winter MAP Testing the week of January 27-31.

Happenings

We celebrated our three winter graduates on the last day of finals with them dressing up in cap and gown for their final walk through the building. We strongly encouraged them and their families to attend the Spring to participate in our Graduation Ceremony.

Ms. Thomas referred us to Chef Shaq during Thanksgiving to make macaroni and cheese. He was so touched by what the staff did for the students during Thanksgiving he wanted to give back and feed all our students before winter break at no cost to the school or staff. We are truly grateful to Chef Shaq for cooking the students an amazing holiday spread. They were so excited.

Ms. Holsten and Ms. Kural had their Holiday Gift Giving. Thirty PAEC Families have received gifts from anonymous donors and community sponsors for the holiday season.

Transitioning Students

We are proud of our three Proviso West Students who graduated this December. We still have a part-time student at Proviso West and anticipate two more students who may transition at the end of the semester if they continue to meet the criteria.

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|---------------------|---|
| Physical Management | 0 |
| Police Calls | 2 |
| Ambulance | 0 |
| Restorative Meeting | 5 |

24-25 Current Enrollment

76 Students

PAEC Therapeutic Day High School Vocational Program

PAEC Vocational Staff have been busy this month monitoring the work program students for gains made during their work experience this semester. The students have done a fine job at their respective work placements. Another student was added to the custodial program this month. Starting next semester, a new group of students will be allowed to apply and interview for the work programs. The first semester at RR Trade School was a huge success. We have six students who have completed the program. One student is a December graduate and he plans to start classes in their HVAC program after the holidays.

PAEC High School graduated three students in December. All three students are currently employed: one at McDonald's, one at a restaurant, and one at FedEx. After graduation, one plans to go to HVAC training, one is enrolling in Triton to pursue social work, and one has been directly referred to the local Department of Rehabilitation Services for vocational training.

Contact with schools and agencies has started in preparation for the Postsecondary Options Fair, which will be held at PAEC High School on Friday, March 21st. Referrals for our spring graduates have been made. One of our graduates has a tour with PAEC Center's Transition Program scheduled for the spring. A UCP Seguin referral was made for another one of our students in preparation for his Spring graduation.

PMSA held two FAFSA workshops and that information was provided to our families.

Mr. Loving was able to secure several professional clothing donations as well as many coats for our students.

Ms. Holsten has contacted the LADSE social worker who heads the alternative vocational program. They plan on following up quarterly to share resources and contacts to help grow our vocational program

PAEC Center School

December came and went! It feels like Thanksgiving break is over and now Winter Break is here!

It was a busy month as December always is! Teacher observations for the first semester have been completed.

Mr. Craig switched music to Christmas music which the students loved and appreciated.

Santa Claus visited on December 11, 2024. The students were able to take a picture with him! The students also decorated the table in holiday fashion so it was festive surroundings!

The Oak Leyden singers came on December 17 to entertain the students with holiday tunes!

Students are finishing up classwork before the winter break! The SANDI testing window for the Spring is now open. Teachers will be testing students after the break.

Staff got into the holiday spirit with a Secret Santa week the last week of school culminating in a potluck breakfast on the 20th!

I want to wish everyone a Happy Healthy Holiday Season!

PAEC Center School Vocational/Transition Program

We currently have 2 students employed competitively. Unemployed students are directed to apply for competitive employment online, in person, or direct contact with employers. These students are monitored by Vocational Coordinator or Transition Staff via in person, one-on-one meets, emails, and/or text messaging. When students apply for competitive employment on their own, they are instructed to send me screenshots of completed applications. We also keep records of applications, students complete with me and/or staff.

Students that are currently employed are on the chart below:

| | Employment | Hours | Job |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Jewel | 20 hours | Bagger/Stocker |
| 2 | Goodwill | 15-20 hours per week | Store Clerk |

Students volunteer for 6 volunteer job sites this 2024-25 school year, where students are being trained on job skills that will increase their job readiness skills. We are still looking to increase the number of sites we have, with a hopeful increase in staff.

We are training our Transition students to complete job tasks, answer mock interview questions, complete mock job applications, and more. I set up individual meetings with these students. We are practicing mock interviews and completing mock applications. Ensuring IDs have not expired, or get renewed in a timely manner. Students are completing live applications, which we are currently waiting to hear from employers as well as contacting employers to follow up on our applications.

We are working hard to obtain competitive employment for our students. We have had some interviews and have been unsuccessful in obtaining employment. We are continuing to interview and follow up with employers to get our students hired.

PAEC Behavior Intervention Team

The PAEC Behavior Intervention Team continues to provide behavioral support and interventions to reduce undesired behaviors within the Proviso Township school districts.

The Elementary Behavior Coaches are required to implement the 8-Week Step Interventions & Support Curriculum developed based on evidenced-based data and documenting.

Total number of PAEC Behavior Intervention Coaches: 13

Active: 11

****One Coach is currently on FMLA*

****Brandon Davis has been hired for High School Interventionists at Proviso West; start date 1/6/24*

Proviso East: 1

Proviso West: 3

District 87: 2

Floating Coaches (PAEC Academy, District 88, District 93, District 92, District 87): 7

There were a total of 0 individual student referrals in December. There were a total of 0 classroom referrals submitted in December.

District 803 - PAEC Academy

PAEC Academy:

The Coach assigned to the kindergarten classroom will be concluding interventions such as environmental antecedent modifications, incentivizing appropriate behavior, clear behavioral expectations and visual aids during the first week of returning in January.

District 87 - Jefferson Primary | Sunnyside Intermediate | Whittier Primary | Riley Intermediate | Northlake Middle School | MacArthur Middle School

Jefferson:

Kindergarten Referral 2: The Coach has been assigned to the student for a total of 8 weeks. The Coach continues to implement positive reinforcement, incentives for appropriate behavior, a token economy system, and prompts prior to transitioning settings and activities and will continue for an additional two weeks after returning to work in January.

Kindergarten Referral 3: The Coach has worked with this student and teacher for 7 weeks, and continues implementing small rewards for appropriate behavior, collaborating with the school Counselor regarding SEL services, prompting and a token economy system.

Pre-K Referral: This student has transitioned out of the district.

Whittier:

Kindergarten Referral: The assigned Coach continues to provide data collection while starting to implement interventions such as scheduled sensory breaks, prompting, positive reinforcement and a token economy system.

Sunnyside Intermediate:

Third Grade Classroom Referrals: The Coordinator has assigned two Coaches to all three classrooms. The Coaches have been working directly with the Principal, teachers and school staff to reduce behaviors by providing reinforcement and verbal praise for desired behaviors.

Riley Intermediate:

Third Grade Student: The Coordinator and assigned Coach are awaiting a return date for the student; he is currently enrolled in the PAEC Elementary program.

Fourth Grade Student: The student has transferred to Britten School.

District 92 - Lindop School

Pre-K Referral: The Coach continues to work with the Special Ed Coordinator and classroom teachers to implement interventions such as a token economy, mild consequences (stop and think chair) and positive reinforcement. This assignment will be completed during the second week of January.

Kindergarten Referral 2: Coordinator conducted observations of the student in November. A temporary Coach has been assigned to the student until a permanent Coach can be assigned in January.

District 88 - Lincoln Primary | Grant Primary | Grant Elementary | Lincoln Elementary | McKinley Elementary | Thurgood Marshall Elementary | Roosevelt Middle School

Lincoln Elementary:

Kindergarten Referral: The assigned Coach has worked with the student for a total of 6 weeks. The Coach has been in constant communication with the teachers and special ed department regarding appropriate strategies for the students individualized needs.

First Grade Referral: The Coach continues implementing interventions such as mild consequences (stop and think chair), verbal praise, token economy (Lincoln bucks/prizes) and antecedent modifications (rearranging desks). It is reported that the student's behavior has improved.

McKinley Elementary:

2 Second Grade Classroom Referrals: The assigned Coach continues working on a token economy system among the entire second grade classroom based on desired behavior. The Coach works directly with Teachers to establish appropriate levels of assertion, daily expectations, and

classroom modifications.

2 Fifth Grade Classroom Referrals: Two Behavior Coaches continue working together within the classrooms and are working closely with the teachers to improve classroom management skills utilizing antecedent modifications, mild consequences, a token economy system.

2 Fourth Grade Classroom Referrals: Two Behavior Coaches continue working together in both classrooms and are working closely with the teachers to improve classroom management skills utilizing antecedent modifications, mild consequences, a token economy system.

1 Third Grade Classroom Referral: Two Behavior Coaches continue working together in the classrooms and are working closely with the teachers to improve classroom management skills utilizing antecedent modifications, mild consequences, a token economy system.

District 93 - Hillside Elementary

The Special Ed Director will be submitting 2 referrals upon our return from winter break.

District 209 - Proviso East High School | Proviso West High School | Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy

There are currently a total of 3 Behavior Interventionists assigned to 209; 1 is assigned to East and 3 are assigned to West. Interventionists are now assigned to Deans, who work directly under Grade Level Principals.

Proviso West duties consist of assisting with lunch room monitoring based on procedures to reduce student physical and verbal altercations among one another. The Interventionist also supports within the halls and Reset Rooms to pass out late passes and intervening with students to limit tardiness and truancy.

The Behavior Coordinator is currently interviewing for 1 position at Proviso West and 1 position at Proviso East.

PAEC OT/PT Department

1. The AT Team continues to conduct SETT meetings to come up with appropriate assistive technology to address the educational needs of their struggling students.
2. The AT Team attended a staff meeting on 12-04-24 from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM at PAEC Center.
3. The OT/PT/AT Lead attended a couple of Infinitec webinars: 12-9-24 Increase Your Own Productivity Using Generative AI and 12-16-24 Designing Awesome Experiences for Learners Using Generative AI.
4. The OT/PT Department attended a staff meeting in-person and remotely on 12-13-24 at PAEC Center from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm.
5. Julia Sim, an OT student from UIC, will be finishing up her clinical affiliation on 12-20-24.

6. Our OTs and PTs helped the PAEC Center classrooms decorate a table and the Santa scene for students to sit with Santa and take their pictures as part of the December festivities.
7. Some equipment that came in during December that was ordered was batteries, a hand help pump for disc-o-sits and balls, and protocols for testing.

See the picture below for the handheld pump.



PAEC Psychology Department

Dr. Thomas Naratadam is continuing to provide consultation support for several Kindergarten and 2nd grade students at Hillside. He also meets regularly with the Hillside MTSS team to discuss interventions. Dr. Naratadam is providing support to some individual students in regards to behavior and social-emotional skills.

Ms. Dayle Ashley-Harding has trained the PAEC psychology practicum students and intern on the ADOS as well as the various forms of the Stanford-Binet V. Ms. Ashley-Harding presented on her recent STARnet trainings on the updated TPBA to the psychology department at our last psychology department meeting.

Ms. Emily Adelson and Mr. Angelo Rivera provide support to several classrooms at PAEC Center, PAEC Alternative Elementary, and PAEC Academy. They work with a variety of classrooms to provide consultative and direct support to team members.

Dr. Michael Cermak, PAEC lead school psychologist, continues to supervise the practicum and intern students. He will be attending the upcoming job placement bureau at Bloomington-Normal to interview some candidates for internship and employment. Dr. Cermak continues to meet with students at MacArthur and Sunnyside to provide individual or group social-emotional support including focus on emotional regulation. He is currently doing Check In/Check Out for three students at MacArthur and Sunnyside.

PAEC Social Work Department

1. Ms. Donna Kuchera, M.S.W., Ms. Kelsey Thomas-Diaz, M.S.W. , Ms. Ali Kagan, M.S.W., and Ms. Lisa Pirrello, L.C.S.W. (PAEC School Social Workers & PAEC Lead School Social Worker-PAEC High School Therapeutic Day School) and Ms. Tanijah Fields (social work intern) continue to provide support to students in crisis to minimize escalations and to provide individual/small group social work sessions covering the following topics: Substance Abuse; Decision Making Skills; Communication Skills; Anger Management and Coping with Feelings/Emotions during the Holiday

Season. Additionally, Ms. Pirrello, Ms. Kuchera, Ms. Thomas-Diaz and Ms. Kagan participated in the Family Adoption/Gift Program for the PAEC Therapeutic High School Program.

2. Ms. Nyanne Serrano, M.S.W., and Mr. Patrick Rossi, L.C.S.W. (PAEC School Social Workers-PAEC Elementary School) have been planning, coordinating and disseminating various gifts from the family adoption/gift program to the PAEC Elementary chosen families. Additionally, the PAEC Elementary School Social Workers continue to provide social work services to students and families they serve, assisting students to emotionally regulate during the Holiday Season.
3. Ms. Monette Carlos, L.C.S.W., R.P.T. (PAEC School Social Worker – PAEC Early Childhood Program), continues to provide social work groups for the autism classrooms covering the topic of emotions (i.e., stop/go games and impulse control, learning to identify/matching emotions, etc.). Additionally, Ms. Carlos participated in the Family Adoption/Gift Program for the PAEC Early Childhood Program, whereby the most neediest families were able to benefit from receiving gifts. Ms. Carlos, as the co-chair, has been working alongside Ms. Pirrello and the In-Service committee in the planning and coordinating of social work training for the upcoming 2025-26 school year and sent out surveys to all the social workers to identify presentation topics to consider.
4. Ms. Nicole Pena, M.S.W. (PAEC School Social Worker-PAEC Academy) continues to provide individual/small group social work sessions to the students at PAEC Academy, covering topics such as generosity, coping strategies, and using kind words when speaking to others. Ms. Pena collaborated with other therapists (SLP, OT, & PT) for weekly student lunch groups and whole classroom groups.
5. Ms. Jill Collins, M.S.W., Ms. Anna Landmeier, L.C.S.W., C.A.D.C, and Ms. Ali Kagan, M.S.W., (PAEC School Social Workers-PAEC Center School) continues to meet with the students on their caseload individually and/or in classroom groups. Social/Emotional topics covered this month include: Relationship Skills, Healthy and Unhealthy Coping skills, Mindfulness, Self-Advocacy, Healthy Eating Habits, Hygiene/Self-Care, How to Share Your Feelings, and Gratitude. Social Work Group activities include: Face Washing/Brushing Teeth; Lego Figure Feelings; Build Your Own Calm Snow Globe; and Color Your Favorite Feelings Emoji. Additionally, the social workers have been providing support to the PAEC Center Staff in and out of the classroom settings, providing crisis intervention, furnishing resources for parents and staff on Domestic Violence, Food Pantry Information and participated in the Giving Tree/Holiday Family Support programs.
6. Ms. Diana Stephens, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., P.P.S.C. C.W.A. and Ms. Tomika Peace, M.S.W., (PAEC School Social Workers –Proviso East High School) continue to provide individual/small group social work sessions to students on their caseload at Proviso East High School, as well as attending annual review and re-evaluation meetings. This month, Ms. Peace and Ms. Stephens continue to collaborate with the Proviso East High School Social Work Team. Ms. Stephens continues to participate in the weekly meetings with the 10th Grade team. Both social workers met with a One Goal Program contact (college/career readiness program) to gather information about the program and begin identifying students for next year that would benefit from this program. Ms. Stephens and Ms. Peace met with the Loyola Clinic Therapists to discuss what is working well and what is not and to review workflows for submitting referrals and dealing with emergencies or when SASS should be considered. Additionally, Ms. Peace and Ms. Stephens continue to add to the Proviso East Clothing Closet and are, also, currently planning, coordinating and confirming dates for Elyssa’s Mission.

7. Ms. Glenda Liboy, M.S.W. and Ms. Vicki Bailey (PAEC School Social Workers – Proviso West High School) have been providing individual & small group school social work services to the students with special education needs and to students in the TST Program. Topics covered in social work sessions include: Decreasing Absenteeism; Emotional Regulation and Coping strategies. Ms. Liboy and Ms. Bailey continue to increase their Lunch Groups, whereby the students are learning about making and maintaining friendships, as well as increasing self-esteem. Additionally, both social workers have been accommodating students with make-up class work and assisting students to emotionally regulate during the Holiday Season.
8. Ms. Kenya Dockens, L.C.S.W. PAEC School Social Worker – Hillside School) is currently facilitating the MTSS Groups. The 6th Grade Group has been focusing on learning Planning Skills; the 7th Grade Groups have been focusing on learning Stress Response Strategies and Leadership Skills; and the 8th Grade Group has been focusing on Self-Awareness Skills. Ms. Dockens coordinated with surrounding high schools to participate in High School Information Night for Middle School Students; facilitated weekly meetings for Blue Jay Mentors and assigned student leadership roles; as well as coordinated with Elyssa’s Mission’s program director and organized program implementation and schedule to identify at-risk students. Ms. Dockens has been an active member of the Hillside School’s Safety Committee and New Teacher Mentoring Meetings. Additionally, Ms. Dockens coordinated and participated in the Coats for Cool Kids that provides winter coats for families in need.
9. Ms. Lisa Pirrello, L.C.S.W., (PAEC Lead School Social Worker) completed the PAEC School Social Worker Observations, occurring during Semester I, as well as the Written Post-Observation Review Forms for those PAEC School Social Workers who were identified to be evaluated during the 2024-25 School Year. Ms. Pirrello met Ms. Tanaijah Field’s (Social Work Intern) Loyola University Supervisor, Ms. Jennifer Clark, to discuss Ms. Field’s progress and internship field learning objectives for semester 2. Additionally, Ms. Pirrello has been working with the PAEC Social Work Department In-Service committee in choosing topics and securing speakers for next year’s (2025-26) department trainings and has arranged for another Comfort Dog visit to occur at PAEC High School Therapeutic Day School, PAEC Elementary and PAEC Early Childhood programs on Friday, January 24, 2025.
10. The next PAEC School Social Work Department Meeting and In-Service Training is:
 - Date: Friday, January 17, 2025
 - Time: 10 am-1 pm
 - Topic: Ethics: Social Work Documentation
 - Speaker: Dr. Frederick G. Reamer, Ph.D.
 - Time: 2 pm-3 pm
 - Topic: PAEC SW Department Meeting

PAEC Speech/Language Department

- ❖ The Speech/Language Department had a meeting on Thursday, December 5th in the boardroom.

- ❖ Contracted part time SLP, Jennifer Passalaqua, who has been working at PAEC Elementary submitted her letter of resignation. The Lead SLP will be looking for options to cover this caseload in the new year.

PAEC Special Olympics

The Coaches for Special Olympics Teams have been working very hard getting ready to compete on January 17th and 19th. The goal of Player Development Programming is to work with our students to create meaningful involvement and to better serve our lower-ability athletes. I went to a seeding meeting that was held on December 17th at 4:30 p.m. at the Special Olympics Illinois Northern Workplace at 1724 Finley Rd. Lombard, Illinois. This meeting was to update all Coaches that each team needs a minimum of two games played for the 2025 Region C High School Basketball WorkSheet. All corrections were submitted on December 17th, that show all athletes are eligible to compete in the Tournament set for January 18th & 19th 2025. For our Senior Team" The PACERS"

Location:

Unity Junior High School

2115 South 54th Ave.

Cicero Il

8:00 a.m. Agency / Team Registration Open

9:00 a.m. Games Begin

All athletes that qualified for the events for the High School Basketball Teams Region C. Gold Medal Winner at this event will have the chance to go to the State Tournament that will be held in March 2025 in Bloomington / Normal Illinois. Each Team must win at least two games.

For our Pace Academy Tigers, Per Amanda for Special Olympics, they're still working on Region B. Seeding.

