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**Goals for STAT include:**

- Enhance overall safety & security of all environments
- Proactively protect school communities from threats and acts of violence
- Promote & foster safe learning environments
- Create a culture that balances “heartening” with “hardening” of schools
- Build and sustain working partnerships

The CES/STAT Team currently serves independent schools, unions, park districts, building architects, and Catholic Charities. At a local level, the department completed 45 contracts and has secured a services agreement with 30 of the West 40 school districts. STAT’s work is also being sought out by out-of-state agencies and municipalities; recently, they presented in Georgia, Michigan, and Wyoming.

The Targeted Violence & Terrorism Prevention Grant (TVTP) allows the STAT team to provide 10 hours of STAT training within two years to each entity. Thus far, 27 school districts have signed up. The grant comes to an end in 2025. CES/STAT plans to extend the training to public and non-public schools outside West 40.

**CES/STAT fees for services include:**

- Conduct Physical Security Assessments (PSAs)
- Administer Incident Command System (ICS) Training
- Provide Emergency Preparedness or Crisis Training
- Develop Emergency Flip-charts and Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs)
- Facilitate Tabletop or Full-scale Exercises
- Partner with School Threat Assessment Teams
- Present and Train on Topics such as De-escalation, Social Media, Warning Signs, Barriers to Reporting, Etc.
- Assess School Security Operations

**Assistant Executive Director Report Dr. Jayme Tighe**

**Finances:**

On behalf of Ms. Christi Tyler, Chief School Business Official, Dr. Tighe reported receiving the \$4 million payment from DCFS. The payoff to the Worth and Proviso Township Treasurer’s offices is scheduled for October 21st, and the last payment will be in May 2025.

**Strategic Plan:**

Dr. Tighe reported that staff continues to make headway with strategic plan action items. The biggest focus is on equity. Dr. Mike Popp and Dr. Julie Morris led the implementation of an Equity Audit Tool to ensure the organization’s culture, climate, and practices are free from

biases, equal representation throughout all programs, and that the staff have opportunities to pursue leadership roles.

**State Level Updates:**

Dr. Tighe looks forward to the roundtable discussions around ESSA and the new School Improvement Plan to help schools meet ISBE's summative designation requirements. The statewide system of support, Illinois Empower, will provide 47 learning partners that schools can choose from to lead the work.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has requested Dr. Tighe support in working with executive directors of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), Illinois Principals Association (IPA) and Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) to bring the agencies together to make certain schools and districts know the agencies are working together to support all schools regardless of their designation.

**Executive Director Report:**

Dr. Mark Klaisner was unavailable and will deliver his report at the next meeting.

**IV. Public Comment:**

No one chose to speak.

**V. Adjourned:** Member Dr. Ed Condon moved, seconded by Ms. Mary-Rita Moore. Be it resolved, the West40 ISC# 2 Governing Board hereby adjourns at 9:33 a.m.

The next West40 Governing Board Meeting will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. at 415 Lexington Street, Maywood, IL 60153.