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## March Board Report

### **Professional Development:**

On February 19th, myself and a group of JH/HS special education teachers attended a professional development session at the St. Clair ROE on executive functioning skill deficits in students with specific learning disabilities presented by the SLD project. The following teachers attended the training: Kristie Hitpas, Hunter Beattie, and Brittany Imm.

### **Interventions:**

IXL has been introduced to self-contained special education math teachers, grades 6-12 and some classrooms at the junior high. IXL is a K-12 learning platform that offers personalized practice in math, language arts, science, and social studies. This offers in-depth reports to track progress, provide immediate feedback and adjust to a student's performance level.

### **Staff Shoutout:**

A big thank you to our high school cross categorical team. Unfortunately, they had to cancel a field trip suddenly so instead of disappointed students, the team created a "Bulldog Olympics". The students had creative events all around the school, had lots of laughs, cheers and participated in outdoor activities. The staff transformed a potential disappointment into one of the most fun, memorable school days. Thank you to Jen Kretchmer, Kristen Goeddel, Amy Yearian, and Tracy Miller.