Special Projects

**Paraprofessional training for general educators:**

Some type of way to convey information to general education teachers about how to effectively use paraprofessionals, roles and responsibilities, acceptable/inacceptable use, communicating with paraprofessionals, etc. This could be a video that could be shared at staff meetings, a PowerPoint with notes that could be given to principals, flyers that could be placed in staff mailboxes, etc. It could be one item or a combination of items.

Keep in mind that the information would need to be targeted toward teachers E-12, in 5 districts, in 14 different buildings…

**Increasing the Effectiveness of Paraprofessionals and Classroom Teachers** *(perhaps could be joined with previous)*

There are a set of 4 CDs purchased as well as a manual that have great resources for teachers (special ed and general ed). There is a wealth of information. I think it would be great if there were ways this could be distributed to staff in small increments. Perhaps an email list that distributes an idea a month/week, resources on the website, flyers in teachers boxes, a short tip that could be presented at each staff meeting, an after-school training, etc.

**Interventions**

General education teachers indicated in the survey last year that they need more information documenting pre-referral interventions. It is unclear if this is that they need help in the actual documentation of the interventions or deciding and implementing interventions. Both would be helpful to teachers. This may be short videos available on the website, it may be training to provide to key people within each district that could support other teachers, etc. The options are limitless.

**Website**

Someone to work with Erica to develop the Southern Plains website as a helpful tool for staff for all member districts. The Request for Proposal form attached may not “fit” for this project, so use your creativity to develop some kind of proposal.