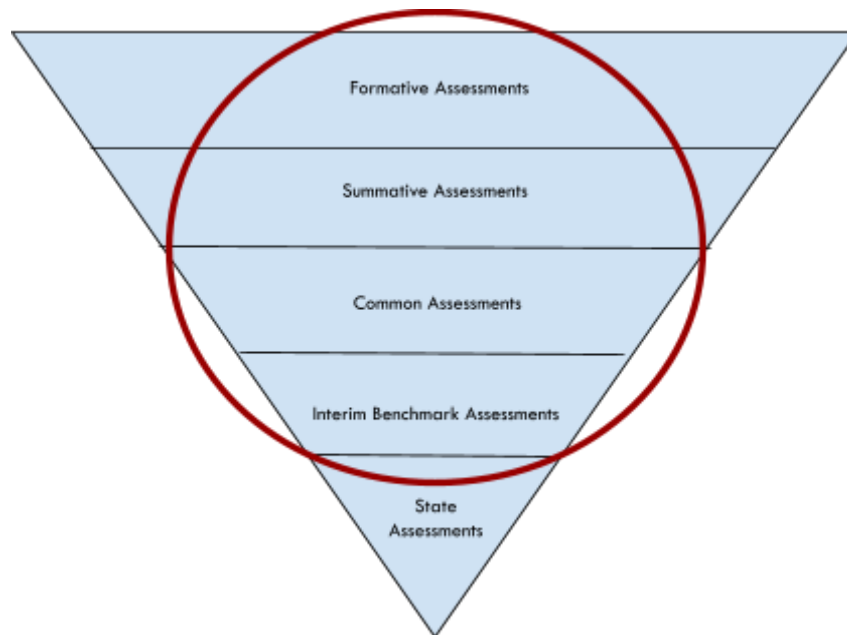


Superintendent Report: April Board Meeting
Submitted on April 19, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

Testing season is well underway. At the time of this report, we have administered WorkKeys, MSTEP, and SAT to the juniors as well as PSAT to our eighth and ninth graders. We are still testing students in grades 3-8 on the MSTEP. We will share results in the fall. It is important to remember that state assessments are only a very small portion of our balanced assessment approach to measure student progress. A true balanced assessment system resembles an inverted triangle:



Summer school planning is being finalized. We are hosting 16 days of learning for select students in grades K-8 from June 3-27 from 8:30 am - 11:30 am Monday-Thursday. Transportation is provided for families of students in grades K-8. Credit recovery for high school students will run five days per week from 8:30 - 3:00 during the month of June.

East Lansing, Webberville, and Dansville serves as a consortium for **pupil transportation**. We are near the end of a five-year contract with Dean Transportation. After much consideration on our part—and improved service on Dean’s part—the three districts have granted Ingham ISD the authority to negotiate an extension to Dean Transportation’s contract. Once completed, we will bring the contract to the board for review and approval.

Our **school improvement team** has planned our last professional development day of the year. We have begun to plan for summer, new teacher onboarding, and next year’s activities. These last few months we have focused heavily on math, assessment practices, and grading practices. Our hope is to demystify the grading and reporting process for families, improve student completion of formative assessments and practices, and increase our math proficiency.

Community Day is fast approaching! We are excited to give back to our community who supports us in so many ways. Some of the projects include: food pantries, homeless shelters, animal shelters, hospitals, community landscaping and grounds clean up. We are partnering with Dean Transportation to provide Marco's Pizza for all students and staff.

I absolutely adore my time in **conversation with students**. At the time of this report, I have met with 21 seniors to view the district through their eyes. I look forward to sharing some overall trends with our staff and public at the end of the year. I continue to meet with my student advisory group who have provided excellent feedback over this school year.

Our administrative team is working hard to end the year strong. There are so many scheduled activities which are compounded by testing, field trips, banquets, and evaluations. However, Amy, Josh, and Tania work tirelessly and have developed great visions for their respective buildings. We look forward to another year together. Soon we will be sending out **surveys** for feedback to help shape school improvement goals as well as our own professional goals.

We are excited to have **Amy Popek return from leave**, and we thank Marcia O'Brien immensely for her service while Amy was gone. Ms. O'Brien brought expertise, wisdom, and leadership which ensured the elementary staff and students received the attention they deserved during Amy's absence.

8th-9th grade Washington, DC, trip update (2025): We have filled two buses and have a small waitlist for a third bus. There are currently about 100 people planning to attend, with 55% being students and 45% being parents. It appears that moving this to an every-other-year trip has helped ensure enough participation to keep the costs reasonable for students and their families.

The **technology surveys** have been administered, and our committee has reviewed the results:

- [Staff Survey Results](#)
- [Student Survey Results](#) (6-12)
- [Family Survey Results](#) (6-12)

BUDGET:

Bargaining with DESPA has begun and DEA dates have been added to the calendar. I look forward to sharing tentative agreements with you once the process has been completed.

Ingham ISD has provided information on their annual budget for your review and will ask for approval of the budget during our May meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know, and I can arrange for an ISD representative to share information during our next meeting.

The **audit on our fall count** has been completed, and Shannon was right on the money! Kudos to Shannon! There will not be a need for the state to adjust our funding based on FTEs.

FACILITIES:

The **HVAC project over the middle school** has just a couple of lingering items to be addressed. The units have been installed and are working, but one unit inadvertently tore the membrane of the roof when being installed – an issue we discovered during an April rain shower. Mr. Miller is working with WM Floyed to ensure the roof and membrane are repaired. We will have our roof installer review the repairs to ensure it does not void our warranty.

In the board packet there are two recommendations for summer projects: repair of the **elementary and athletic parking lots** and the refresh of our **security camera system**. The parking lot project will dip into our 2016 bond settlement funds as we used the 2023-2024 sinking fund tax collection to complete the elementary HVAC project in lieu of the settlement. The camera project has the potential to dip into the 2016 bond settlement, unless the state of Michigan provides additional school safety funding in the 2024-2025 budget. Even if both projects tapped into these funds, David and Raelynn estimate that out of the \$535K in the bond fund, \$279K would remain.

The district is in the process of **donating a set of six (6) portable bleachers** to the Village of Dansville. These bleachers no longer pass our inspection as required by insurance; however, the village has used these bleachers for seating at special events and would like to continue to do so. Our preference is to give back to taxpayers in this capacity versus selling to a third party or sending to a landfill / metal scrapping facility.

Mr. Miller is actively looking into contractors to complete an **asbestos inspection** which is required every three years by law. He also attended a SET SEG training at DeWitt Public Schools on April 16 that covered roof safety, facility inspections, and playground inspections.

Lastly, Mr. Miller is contacting contractors for quotes to finish some of our lingering drainage issues at the **retention pond and soccer field**. We will keep you updated on what we learn.

ATHLETICS:

We are incredibly proud of our **CMAC Scholar Athletes** who have lettered in at least two sports (one in their senior year) and maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA:

Trent Ackerson - Football, Track & Field

Kian Daane - Soccer, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field

Camden Graf - Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball

Paige Jones - Sideline Cheer, Competitive Cheer

Seager Kennedy - Football, Basketball, Track & Field

Anna McDaniel - Volleyball, Basketball

Elijah Neal - Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field

Dylan Ream - Football, Basketball, Baseball

Calvin vanHartesvelt - Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field

Megan Zeitz - Volleyball, Basketball

UPCOMING DATES:

April 23: K-12 Mental Health and Safety Night
April 24: 11th Grade Passion Project Showcase
April 24: Half-Day Dismissal, Professional Learning Day
April 26-27: Drama Club Presents: *The Play that Goes Wrong*
May 3: Community Day
May 6: MS Band Concert
May 14: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
May 15: Senior Awards
May 18: FFA Banquet
May 19: Graduation
May 20: May BOE Meeting
May 21: Retirement Celebration for Stephanie Heraux and Brenda Moran
May 24: Last Day of School, ½ Day Dismissal

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

- Thank you to the **LadyBugs** who have donated money to fund a grill for the FFA program, signs for the houses at the middle school, and stall skins for the middle school restrooms which will have positive messaging on them for students.
- Congratulations to **Kate Tringal** who was the recipient of an MDE grant to participate in Cohort 7 of **LETRS training**. LETRS is a two-year intensive training program for teachers of reading and spelling.