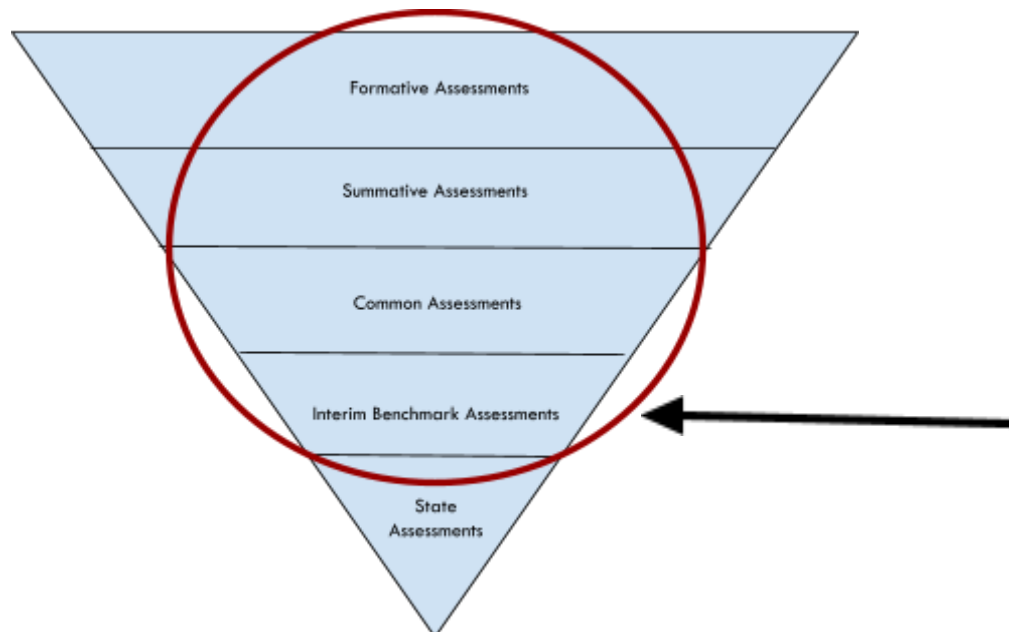


Superintendent Report: April Board Meeting
Submitted on April 23, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

Testing season is well underway. At the time of this report, we have administered WIN Work Readiness, MSTEP, and SAT to the juniors as well as PSAT to our eighth and ninth graders. Middle School has also finished state testing, and our elementary students will be done soon. We will share results in the fall. This is my annual reminder that state assessments are only a tiny portion of our balanced assessment approach to measure student progress. A true balanced assessment system resembles an inverted triangle:



Just a reminder that this year, we've added NWEA as an interim benchmark assessment in grades 2-12. This gives us immediate feedback on student performance compared to students across the nation and is also designed to help students set personalized academic goals. It provides objective information to parents on their child's progress, and it will help us calibrate our own internal grading practices.

Summer school planning is being finalized. We are hosting 16 days of learning for select students in grades K-8 from June 3-30 from 8:30 am - 11:45 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 - 2:00 during June. This year, food service will be providing a free breakfast and lunch to all participants.

Our school improvement team has planned our last professional development day of the year. We have not changed our goals, which will continue into the next school year:

- 1. *Improve overall student performance on state assessments***
- 2. *Align ourselves internally with best practices***

This year, we focused heavily on the first goal by:

- implementing a new math curriculum, K-12
- focusing on differentiation and small group instruction
- administering and analyzing data from NWEA
- implementing Lexia K-9
- creating an artificial intelligence gem to assist staff in creating or refining rubrics that are rigorous and reflect the clear learning target they are designed to assess
- diving deep into the research behind math instruction

For this last half-day of professional learning, we will work in buildings and departments to align our newly revised rubrics to ensure continuity (AI isn't perfect), and we will begin to identify instructional practices to prioritize for the 2026-2027 school year.

Community Day is fast approaching! We are excited to give back to our community that supports us in so many ways.

I adore my time in conversation with students. At the time of this report, I have met with almost all of our seniors to view the district through their eyes. I look forward to sharing some overall trends with our staff and the public at the end of the year. The last student advisory meeting is coming up in early May.

Our administrative team is working hard to end the year strong. There are so many scheduled activities that 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.

BUDGET:

We are in the planning stages to begin bargaining with DESPA and DEA. David and I are running numbers back and forth while we wait to hear how the May revenue conference unfolds. The greatest unknowns continue to be healthcare costs, retirement costs, and the uncertainty of federal funding. I look forward to sharing tentative agreements with you once the process has been completed.

Great news! The Governor's Office, House, and Senate have already released or will soon be releasing their budget proposals. Just having these is a step above where we were last year at this point. However, while the per-pupil increase in all three drafts is slated to increase 2.5%, it looks like districts will take another hit in retirement costs, netting perhaps only a 1+% increase in funding.

31aa appears in all three drafts of the budget:

Senate

\$300 million total

- Explicitly eliminates the waiver language

House

\$200 million ongoing

\$121 million one-time

- Provides a \$146 per-pupil grant for districts that opt into the program
- Clarifies that privilege is waived only after a mass casualty event occurs
- Specifies that individual privileges are not waived

Governor

\$300 million total

- includes language requiring districts to allow a comprehensive state investigation of any mass casualty event in order to qualify for funding

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.

UPCOMING DATES:

- April 24-25: Drama Club Presents: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
- April 27: HS Band Concert
- April 29: Community Day
- April 29: Half-Day Dismissal, Professional Learning Day
- May 4-8: Staff Appreciation Week
- May 12: MS Band Concert
- May 13: Senior Awards
- May 19: 11th Grade Passion Project Showcase
- May 16: FFA Banquet
- May 17: Graduation
- May 18: May BOE Meeting
- May 25: NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- May 26: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- May 29: Last Day of School, ½ Day Dismissal

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:

Athlete: Sawyer Anderson
Sports: Soccer, Golf, Track & Field
Parents: Valentina & Dave Anderson

Athlete: Brianna DeLano
Sports: Cross Country, Softball
Parents: Mia & Scott DeLano

Athlete: Taylor Doerr
Sports: Volleyball, Soccer, Track & Field
Parents: Laura & Brandon Doerr

Athlete: Riley Graf
Sports: Cross Country, Soccer, Track & Field
Parents: Kelly & Aaron Graf

Athlete: Isabella Joseph
Sports: Basketball, Soccer
Parents: Amber & Geoffrey Joseph

Athlete: Margo Kuznicki
Sports: Volleyball, Softball
Parents: Becky Kuznicki & Tim Kuznicki

Athlete: Aubrieanna Skanes
Sports: Soccer, Sideline Cheer
Parents: Codi West, Frankie Skanes, Windy & Ken Densmore

Athlete: Madyson Smith
Sports: Volleyball, Soccer, Track & Field
Parents: Laura & Craig Smith

Athlete: Brenna St. Amant
Sports: Basketball, Soccer
Parents: Angela St. Amant & Marc St. Amant

Athlete: Maggie vanHartesvelt
Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Track & Field
Parents: Michelle & Chris vanHartesvelt