

Superintendent Report: August Board Meeting
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ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

August is the most wonderful time of the year! The principals and I spent the morning of August 5 at a retreat to plan and prepare for the upcoming year. We have contracted with Debbie MacFalone to provide mentoring for administrators with less than 3 years of experience, as required by recent legislation. There are two texts we will be reading together as a team: *Strengths-Based Leadership* and *Uncommon Leadership*. We ended the day with a team building activity at a painting class in Lansing with the entire administrative team.

Dansville has changed our new teacher orientation to a new staff orientation with new hires staying for a half day and teachers staying for two full days. We dove deep into culture: who we are and what we value in Dansville. Day two was heavily focused on instructional and assessment practices as well as classroom management and setup. We dusted off some vintage Harry Wong videos on the First 100 Days of School, and while his strategies are 30+ years old, his message on being prepared and engaging students is timeless. Furthermore, we have revised our mentoring program to include monthly district-wide meetings that will force us into the text, *A Repair Kit for Grading: 15 Fixes for Broken Grades*.

Opening day with staff was a blast! We were blessed to be able to give away donated prizes to help welcome staff back. We covered mandatory Title IX training as well as allowed staff time to complete their annual SafeSchools training at their convenience. We briefly reviewed Opportunity Thrive which is still available for teachers—at least one more year.

We honored the following staff members for their years of service:

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Mike Sheridan	Sydney Hammerstein		Brandi Hughes	
Jennifer Dowdy	Trevor Brusseau			

During the afternoon of August 13, our staff worked in their Aggie Improvement Teams. This year, the administration and school improvement leaders set the overarching goals and asked our staff to help design the action steps to bring the goals to fruition. This year's goals:

1. Learning and Assessment
 - a. Teaching and Assessment Bootcamp for Recent Hires
 - b. Student Reflection and Teacher Feedback
2. The "Whole" Aggie
 - a. BUILD more frequent and consistent student connections K-12.
 - b. BUILD opportunities for students to DREAM and develop plans to achieve those dreams.
 - c. BUILD more frequent and consistent STAFF interactions K-12 in order to strengthen AGGIE Family connection.

3. Literacy

- a. Family Literacy Night (Elementary)
- b. K-12 Data Analysis (FastBridge, State Assessments)
- c. MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports)
- d. Tier 2 Differentiated Instruction Block Implemented in the Bookworms Curriculum (Elementary)

4. Math

- a. Improve mindset, perseverance, and resilience toward mathematics
- b. Meet or exceed county average on state assessments


Transportation has been interesting. We are feeling the effects more so this year than last with the retirement of Linda DeBruler at IISD who formerly routed bussing on our behalf for Dean Transportation. Dean is in their second year of routing and we are noticing that sometimes their routes are designed on bad data which is caused by PowerSchool and VersaTrans not syncing in a timely manner.

Here Comes the Bus was rolled out for a second year. This app allows parents to track their child's bus to know exactly when the bus stops at home (for latchkey children) and to know when the bus may arrive when there are unexpected delays. Safety is naturally embedded as only people who are directly connected to students will have the ability to track the route. Accounts are set up based on the child's UIC, which is a state-provided number.

Josh Langfeldt is our new technology director from IISD. Josh introduced himself to the middle school and elementary teams last Monday. Chromebooks have been distributed to middle school students. In brief chats with students, they tell me they like the Chromebooks, but miss the portability of iPads.

BUDGET:

The state aid budget is a bit of an enigma this year. No one is certain the exact amount of funding increase we can expect, but we do know this: it will not be a flat per pupil increase across the state. The state has, instead, tried to calculate a rebate to the MSPERS health care costs, and no one can agree, yet, on what that math looks like. Here are some predictions:

BUILDING UP MICHIGAN'S FUTURE SIGNIFICANT FUNDING WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST SENATE DISTRICT 21 SCHOOL FUNDING  STATE SENATOR SARAH ANTHONY	INGHAM & EATON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT			
	MPSERS/ LUMP SUM PAYMENT	EQUIVALENT PER-PUPIL PAYMENT	EQUIVALENT PER-PUPIL INCREASE	
	Lansing Public School District	\$4,144,513	\$420.54	4.38%
	Dansville Schools	\$217,836	\$290.81	3.03%
	Holt Public Schools	\$2,110,754	\$443.10	4.61%
	Leslie Public Schools	\$391,240	\$356.69	3.71%
	Mason Public Schools	\$1,296,962	\$391.54	4.08%
	Okemos Public Schools	\$1,888,715	\$409.31	4.26%
	Stockbridge Community Schools	\$463,580	\$414.40	4.31%
	Williamston Community Schools	\$678,861	\$361.56	3.76%
	Bellevue Community Schools	\$182,115	\$333.26	3.47%
	Charlotte Public Schools	\$764,633	\$325.02	3.38%
	Eaton Rapids Public Schools	\$815,442	\$421.59	4.39%
	Grand Ledge Public Schools	\$1,923,824	\$362.83	3.78%
	Maple Valley Schools	\$319,318	\$354.24	3.69%
	Olivet Community Schools	\$424,338	\$345.25	3.59%
	Pottsville Public Schools	\$289,163	\$406.27	4.23%
	Oneida Township S/D #3	\$9,534	\$326.52	2.69%

From MEA/MSBO:

DC OD E	District Name	State Aid Membershi p FY24	Est. Chg 5.75% MPSERS Reimbursement (147a4)	Est. Chg Mental Health (31aa)	Est. Chg At-Risk (31a)	Est. Chg Bilingual (41)	Est. Chg Rural and Isolated (22d)	Est. Chg Vocational Ed (61a)	Est. Chg CTE (61d)	Est. Chg Total	Est. Chg Total Per Pupil
33010	East Lansing School District	3,667	1,410,726	(771,485)	143,268	29,432	-	-	96	812,036	221
33020	Lansing Public School District	9,885	4,143,618	(2,093,848)	1,140,465	231,648	-	(8,308)	655	3,414,230	345
33040	Dansville Schools	748	217,789	(158,175)	26,457	-	1,989	(284)	284	88,060	118
33060	Haslett Public Schools	2,548	1,043,194	(538,875)	70,827	5,685	-	-	188	581,020	228
33070	Holt Public Schools	4,764	2,110,298	(1,003,990)	262,052	26,943	-	(7,086)	1,950	1,390,166	292
33100	Leslie Public Schools	1,096	391,155	(232,253)	57,236	-	-	-	151	216,289	197
33130	Mason Public Schools (Ingham)	3,307	1,296,682	(696,377)	106,295	4,555	-	(460)	583	711,279	215
33170	Okemos Public Schools	4,604	1,888,307	(972,315)	93,008	28,001	-	-	127	1,037,128	225
33200	Stockbridge Community Schools	1,118	463,480	(235,722)	51,479	1,674	2,969	(2,653)	403	281,629	252
33215	Waverly Community Schools	2,707	1,301,053	(569,615)	201,973	24,409	-	-	319	958,138	354
33220	Webberville Community Schools	440	138,323	(92,911)	27,285	-	-	(701)	396	72,391	165
33230	Williamston Community Schools	1,875	678,715	(395,577)	41,579	-	-	-	151	324,868	173



DCODE	District Name	MEA/MSBO Est. Chg.	SFA Est. Chg.	HFA Est. Chg.
32050	Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker Schools	222,771	449,137	421,333
32060	Harbor Beach Community Schools	106,203	212,523	192,671
32080	North Huron School District	98,800	161,319	154,885
32090	Owendale-Gagetown Area School District	47,918	76,421	71,973
32170	Ubly Community Schools	145,239	282,546	260,241
32260	Colfax Township S/D #1F	3,880	7,462	6,734
32610	Sigel Township S/D #3F	6,965	13,405	13,385
32620	Sigel Township S/D #4F	6,486	12,176	11,401
32650	Verona Township S/D #1F	2,770	8,692	8,728
33010	East Lansing School District	812,036	1,617,312	1,492,937
33020	Lansing Public School District	3,414,230	5,412,278	5,002,972
33040	Dansville Schools	88,060	255,816	222,228
33060	Haslett Public Schools	581,020	1,147,906	1,057,860
33070	Holt Public Schools	1,390,166	2,446,623	2,245,609
33100	Leslie Public Schools	216,289	466,281	424,451
33130	Mason Public Schools (Ingham)	711,279	1,432,544	1,451,406
33170	Okemos Public Schools	1,037,128	2,050,594	1,897,307
33200	Stockbridge Community Schools	281,629	533,227	463,653
33215	Waverly Community Schools	958,138	1,541,104	1,412,528
33220	Webberville Community Schools	72,391	169,269	156,480
33230	Williamston Community Schools	324,868	739,748	706,736

	Per Student from MEA/MSBO Spreadsheet	FY23-24 Foundation	% Increase
High to Low			
Waverly Community Schools	354	\$ 9,992	3.54%
Lansing Public School District	345	\$ 9,608	3.59%
Holt Public Schools	292	\$ 9,608	3.04%
Stockbridge Community Schools	252	\$ 9,608	2.62%
Haslett Public Schools	228	\$ 9,608	2.37%
Okemos Public Schools	225	\$ 9,608	2.34%
East Lansing School District	221	\$ 9,608	2.30%
Mason Public Schools (Ingham)	215	\$ 9,608	2.24%
Leslie Public Schools	197	\$ 9,608	2.05%
Williamston Community Schools	173	\$ 9,608	1.80%
Webberville Community Schools	165	\$ 9,608	1.71%
Dansville Schools	118	\$ 9,608	1.23%
AVERAGE	232		

We compound this situation with a decrease in enrollment larger than expected, which will result in us having to watch spending very carefully moving forward. David and Raelynn have already expressed the desire to complete a Revision I of the budget sooner than later.

Initial Enrollment Numbers

Dansville Elementary	341
Dansville Middle School	170
Dansville High School	214
TOTAL -	725*

This is 25 less than where we were last year at this time.

We have 16 students enrolled in our Great Start Readiness Program.

*Our October count day will determine the official enrollment number for funding.

FACILITIES:

The middle school kitchen servery door has broken and cannot be repaired. This particular door is a motorized overhead coiling fire door. Rick Miller has garnered four quotes for its replacement:

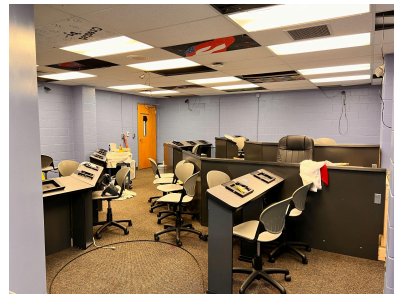
Vendor	Total Quote
Michigan Overhead Door & Loading Dock	\$ 11,420
Overhead Door Co. of Lansing	\$ 11,100
Dover Dock & Door	\$ 15,500
Payne Rosso	\$ 13,640

I have authorized Rick to move forward with Overhead Door Co. of Lansing to get this replaced as soon as possible.

The parking lot project looks great and was much needed. We have done some upgrades to the elementary playground thanks to GSRP, including the completion of the walking path and the addition of a storage shed (to be delivered on August 30, 2024). The camera project is in the final stages of being completed with the administration receiving training on August 21. Currently, six cameras are inoperable because additional networking needed to be built to support the system. The ISD is assisting us with the network upgrade.

The summer, Dansville Schools underwent a facilities and energy study through the School Finance Research Foundation at no cost to the district. We expect results back from these studies around December 2024 and June 2025, respectively.

Area 51 - We are almost finished with the "Dream Flight Adventures" Spaceship Room:



Rick Miller may continue to make small improvements and embellishments as the year progresses.

Rick and I reviewed critical mapping of the buildings and grounds this summer to assist law enforcement and first responders in the event of a crisis.

UPCOMING DATES:

August 19:	Meet the Aggies, Fall Edition
August 30-September 2:	No School - Labor Day Weekend
September 10:	Virtual MASB Superintendent Evaluation Training (Mandatory)
September 13:	Homecoming
September 26	Half-Day Dismissal
September 23-27:	5th Grade Camp
October 11:	Half-Day Dismissal - Fall Break
October 14:	No School - Fall Break

CELEBRATIONS:

- The Scherff Agency (MEEMIC) graciously paid for a Tomato Brothers' lunch for staff on August 12.
- MEA graciously provided a Jimmy Johns' lunch for teachers on August 13.
- We are fully staffed this year! Woot woot!
- Many thanks to Amanda Bush for allowing me to read to her first grade students.