

# Superintendent's Report: December Board Meeting

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## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

### Leadership Development:

Principal Dupuis attended the 100th Anniversary Conference for MEMSPA (Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association) from December 3-5.

### Mentor/Mentee Program:

On December 3, we conducted our monthly mentor/mentee meeting. This session, facilitated by Andrew Hodgson, centered on designing and implementing effective independent practice. Our next session, scheduled for January 7, will emphasize the importance of relationship building and a review of ACES (adverse childhood experiences).

### School Improvement:

The administrative team, as well as select members of our school improvement team, met with Ken Turner from IISD on December 11, who will be providing us training on the use of AI (artificial intelligence) to ensure we are developing challenging, clear learning targets and rigorous rubrics.

### Football:

After long conversations, including multiple phone calls and meetings with Webberville, Dansville Schools will be transitioning to eight (8) man football for the 2026-2027 school year - alone. This decision has been communicated to our students and parents, and the search for a new varsity coach is underway.

### ISOA:

I had the pleasure of representing the Ingham County Superintendents at the December 3 ISOA meeting (Ingham School Officers Association). The topic of conversation was centered around a book study being conducted throughout the county called *The Anxious Generation*. After listening to Shelley Ruh present key ideas, I immediately purchased the book for my winter break read. If you would like to hear more about the author, Jonathan Haidt, and his research, check out this nine (9) minute interview with CBS News:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/author-jonathan-haidt-discusses-the-anxious-generation/>

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## FACILITIES

We have a significant amount of GSRP (Preschool, or Great Start Readiness) funds available to make upgrades to that classroom. In fact, we have approximately \$40K. Amy Popek and Rick Miller met with the business office at Ingham ISD to draft out bidding documents to update the flooring, plumbing, electrical, and some casework in that space.

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## SAFETY

### **Emergency Operations Plan:**

I met with Supervisor Brandon Doerr from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department on December 5. He reviewed with me the most recent recommendations from the AVI (active violent incident) training that he attended and offered his services to revise our emergency operations plan, which is due to the state by October 1, 2026.

### **Security Enhancements:**

Our electronically accessed doors have worked intermittently, at best, since I have been here. They often fail or randomly seem to forget their programming. EverOn has never really offered us solutions, but they are happy to come out, tinker, and send us a bill. This past week, we met virtually with the manufacturer of the systems, who will connect us with a new service provider that will hopefully provide us with valuable, permanent remedies.

### **Mental Health & Safety:**

At the time of this report, there have been no updates to the court cases surrounding the 31aa mental health and safety grant. As determined by the November BOE meeting, I have opted for Dansville Schools to receive the funds with the option to rescind that decision by 11:59 pm on December 30, 2025, if the waiver portion of the funding is not overturned.

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## UPCOMING DATES

- **December 18:** Staff Holiday Breakfast, 7:00 AM
- **December 22 - January 2:** Winter Break
- **January 5:** School Resumes
- **January 19:** No School - MLK Day

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## POSITIVE HIGHLIGHTS

**Holiday Assistance:** This year, NHS coordinated a food drive that raised over \$1200 for the local food pantry and our Many Hands program, in addition to the over 3K donated food items.