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Dear House Education Committee,

I wanted to thank you for allowing me to share my experience and testimony regarding the collaboration of services during a recent hearing. I have provided you with a document that represents some of the collaborative and consolidating happenings within and beyond Ingham Intermediate School District and the local districts. Some of the examples are common and others reflect deeper and nontraditional collaborative relationships.

Again, thank you for the time and opportunity.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Dansville Schools

Educational Areas of Collaboration

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Ingham Intermediate School District and local school leaders strive to increase academic achievement while balancing fiscal realities. They support collaborations that promote quality educational options for students and efficiencies and offer cost savings. Working together, educators have developed and participate in numerous collaborative programs and services, many of which are highlighted below.

Communities Served

Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Lansing, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville, Williamston

School Development Services

- Customized services (curriculum, instruction, and assessment)
- Early childhood education
- Planning, training in, and evaluating of school data
- PROM/SE (math and science) grant coordination
- Professional development opportunities
  - Arts education
  - Assessment
  - Classroom management
  - Curriculum
  - Global education
  - Instruction
  - Leadership
  - Literacy
  - Professional learning communities
  - School improvement
  - Special education
  - Technology
- Talent development

Career Services and Technical Education

- Academic services and curriculum development
- Career planning and decision making
- Student counseling and service coordination
- Student organizations
- Summer learning camps
- Work-based learning experiences and employer partnerships
- Career and technical programs offered through the Capital Area Career Center in these career pathways
  - Arts and Communication
  - Business, Management, Marketing and Technology
  - Engineering, Manufacturing and Industrial Technology
  - Health Sciences
  - Human Services
  - Natural Resources and Agriscience

Special Education Services

- Adaptive physical education
- Assistive technology
- Audiology
- Autistic impaired
- Hearing impaired
- Ingham diagnostic services
- Occupational therapy
- Orientation and mobility
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Physical therapy
- School psychology
- School social work
- Speech and language therapy
- Special Olympics
- Transition program
- Visually impaired
- Other health impairments

Collaborative Programs for Students/Families

- Autism Program
- Capital Area Career Center
- Early On
- Evergreen Program
- Galileo Early Childhood Center
- Great Parents/Great Start
- Heartwood School
- High School Diploma Completion Initiative
- Ingham Academy
- LINKS Transition Program
- Malcolm Williams School
- Ombudsman Online Learning
- Secondary Learning Center
- St. Vincent School
- Talent Development Programs

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Operational Management Areas of Collaboration

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Ingham Intermediate School District and local school leaders work together to build promising futures for *all* of our students. To accomplish this goal, school leaders are participating in and creating economies of scale in the operational management arena so that more dollars can be directed into local classrooms. The following examples provide a sense of the collaborations that are taking place.

Communities Served

Dansville
East Lansing
Haslett
Holt
Leslie
Lansing
Mason
Okemos
Stockbridge
Waverly
Webberville
Williamston

Administrative Services

- Acquisition and management of grant funds
- Attendance and truancy referrals
- Beverage Consortium
- Bus maintenance, routing, and supervision
- Bus routes combined to Capital Area Career Center
- Business services (payroll, procurement, budget, reporting)
- Communication and community relations
- Employee benefit administration
- Employee selection using web-based application system
- Facility/building usage
- Fingerprinting and criminal history checks
- Food services shared management
- Medicaid reimbursement administration
- MUNIS software purchasing and training
- Property tax reporting
- Pupil accounting audits and technical assistance
- Salary and health care cost data compilation
- Schools of choice, data collection and advertising
- State Board Continuing Education Units administration
- Statewide cooperative acquisitions program
- Teacher substitutes/contract oversight

Special Education Administrative Services

- Complaint investigations
- Continuous improvement and monitoring system
- Data coordination and analysis
- ISD funding system administration
- Program planning, coordination, and implementation
- Revenue maximization
- Shared leadership
- Transportation administration and coordination

Media and Technology/REMC 13 Services

- Cooperative purchasing
- Deliveries to local schools
- Online learning classes
- Production printing and bindery
- Technology integration professional development
- Technology support services and consultation
- Technologically based learning systems (Discovery, digital education resources, Blackboard and help desk support)

Networks of professionals meet regularly to exchange ideas and share resources

- Assessment committee
- Board members
- Business officials
- Curriculum directors
- Early childhood advocates
- English/language arts network
- Facility directors
- Guidance counselors
- Human resource directors
- Mathematics team
- Occupational therapists
- Principals
- Psychologists
- REMC 13 council
- Science team
- School redesign team
- Social studies team
- Special education directors
- Transition consortium
- Speech/language pathologists
- Social workers
- Superintendents
- Teachers of the visually and hearing impaired
- Technology directors

STARNET

The fiber wide-area network, Ingham's STARNET (Sharing Technology and Academic Resources Network), will link together all of the K-12 schools and Ingham ISD to provide unlimited opportunities for increasing bandwidth and sharing software, curriculum, classes, and data.

For more information about these areas of collaboration, call Ingham ISD, 517.244.1212.

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