



Ionia County Intermediate School District

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Ionia County Intermediate School District is a service organization.

Its employees provide support, special help and special equipment to local educators in Ionia County's nine public, four non-public and two charter schools.

About one-third of the staff serves constituent districts from the Administrative Service Center. This includes general education, alternative education, professional development, grant writing, gifted and talented, technology and vocational educational programs.

The balance of its employees work in the ICISD programs as well as local school district special education programs for the handicapped.

Brand Promise:

Our Exceptional Services, 100% Guaranteed

Purpose Statement:

Partners in Building Full Potential

It is the policy of Ionia County Intermediate School District that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, height, weight, marital status, or disability shall be subjected to discrimination in any program, service, activity, or in employment for which it is responsible. Inquiries related to discrimination should be directed to:
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Countywide Collaborative and Shared Services 2013

Ionia County Public School Districts

Belding Area Schools
Ionia Public Schools
Lakewood Public Schools
Palo Community Schools
Portland Public Schools
Saranac Community Schools
Berlin Twp. #3
Easton Twp. #6
Ionia Twp. #2

Ionia County Charter School Districts

Grattan Academy
Threshold Academy

Non-Public School Districts

Faith Community Christian
Ionia Seventh Day Adventist
SS Peter & Paul
St. Patrick's School

COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SHARED SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AT IONIA COUNTY ISD

ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Skyward – Saranac, Coon, Haynor, North LeValley, Grattan Academy & Threshold Academy
New World & Illuminate – all ICISD districts
Fiber – Saranac & Ionia Public Schools
Internet – Ionia, Belding, & Saranac
E-Rate Coordination – Coon, Haynor, North LeValley, & Palo

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$2,381,485.00

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Ionia County Intermediate School District shares Skyward (student services), New World (finance and payroll) and Illuminate (Special Education IEPC and Medicaid Billing) software for all ICISD districts reduced costs and staff. Hosting Internet and facilitating E-Rate administration created additional partnerships and savings.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Challenges faced include the changing requirements of software, changing of staff and funds necessary to maintain infrastructure.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BoardBook – all ICISD districts
County-wide Board Meetings – all ICISD districts
Rural/Palo School Board Meetings – North LeValley, Haynor, Coon & Palo

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$10,000.00

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Board agendas and minutes posted on LEA websites for public transparency, boards are provide electronic copies creating a greener environment.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Providing computers and wireless networks for all board rooms in the ISD, educating board members and public to use the BoardBook software.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Administrative Staff – Belding, Palo, Saranac, Coon, Haynor, & North LeValley

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$40,000/year

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Placement of less senior staff at two local districts supported by Deputy Superintendent and ISD Business Office staff and in-house (ISD) business services allowed for cost savings.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Supervision of LEA staff by ISD employees, multiple board and staff meetings.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Great Start Readiness Program – all ICISD districts

Great Start Collaborative – all ICUSD districts and Montcalm Area ISD

Dolly Parton Imagination Library – all ICISD districts

Early On[®]

Great Parents/Great Start

HeadStart Emergency Shelter – Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$400,000.00

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Centralized delivery system creating greater financial efficiencies, professional development and consistency of programming across the Ionia (GSRP, Early On, GSC) and Montcalm (GSC) ISDs. Implemented with fidelity – better outcomes for children

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Retention of staff and co-operation with local district staff and administrators. Issues related to Office of Great Start budgetary requirements. Work load has been overwhelming on staff

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Election Polling site – Berlin Township
Facility usage for non profit organizations
Emergency Shelter – Red Cross

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$9,150.00

SUCCESSSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Berlin Township uses Ionia County ISD Administration Building for elections eliminating the need for a new township hall. A high-tech meeting place for public and private groups to meet when facility is not used for school business.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Cost of set-up, take down, and technology assistance. Additional responsibility on ISD staff distracts from their own work responsibilities.

FOOD & CHILD NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

Freedom Acres School provided by Ionia Public Schools

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$40,000.00

SUCCESSSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Children are fed a quality lunch delivered by Ionia Public Schools. No specialized staff required to prepare food.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Lack of control of menu

HUMAN RESOURCES

Applitrack – all ICISD districts

Substitute Services – all ICISD districts (Note: PCMI is the employer and manages substitutes)

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$70,000

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

All districts using same software for employment applications may lead to sharing of applicant pool.

Common substitute services allows for great pool of substitutes and integration into common financial software.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

LEAs currently not always using the combined pool of applicants.
Issues with fingerprinting and dealing with marginal substitutes.
The time-consuming process for substitute candidates to register.

IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION

Assoc. Supt , Grant Writer, and Math & Science Coordinator – Montcalm ISD and all ICISD districts

VISTA Members – all ICISD districts & Montcalm ISD

IGOR – all ICISD districts & Kent ISD

E20/20 – all ICISD districts, Kent ISD, Ottawa ISD, Muskegon ISD

Homeless Liaison- all ICISD districts, Montcalm ISD and Gratiot/Isabella ISD

STEM – all ICISD districts, Montcalm ISD and Grand Valley University

Hair on Fire – all ICISD districts and Montcalm ISD

Teaching American History – all ICISD districts and Montcalm ISD

Summer School - Palo, Lakewood, & Portland

Montcalm Ionia College Access Network (MICAN) – all ICISD districts

Administrative Services day and a half per week to three rural districts

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$615,000.00

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

The Ionia County Intermediate School District and Montcalm Area Intermediate School Districts share an Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, a Grant Writer, and a Math & Science Coordinator working in all districts in both ISDs. This collaboration has allowed the listed programs to be run in a cost efficient manner.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Provide common platforms to deliver programming to all districts.
The need for staff to be at two places at one time.
The capacity of four individuals providing services for twelve K-12 districts stretches staff availability.

LEGAL SERVICES

LaPointe Special Ed Services – all ICISD districts

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$3,500.00

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Common point of contact for Special Education legal issues and annual seminar providing a legal update on Special Education for local district Special Education Administrators and School Principals.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

None

LOBBYING

Van Buren Legislative Consortium – all ICISD districts

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$ 140,000.00

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Having a lobbyist in Lansing representing 14 Intermediate School Districts (123 LEAs, 190,000 students) with common interests regarding student and budgetary needs. This legislative voice is affordable at \$10,000 as opposed to each ISD having individual lobbyists.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Managing conflicting viewpoints of consortium districts.
The impending retirement of current legislative lobbyist.

PUBLIC COLLABORATIONS

Internet – Ionia County & City of Ionia
Investor for Public Schools – Ionia County Economic Alliance
Provide office and meeting space for Youth Advisory Council adult mentors
Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

Unable to calculate a monetary value of cost savings though we accept the value of public collaborations.

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Saving Ionia County and the City significant internet costs
ICEA assists with business and industry expansion to bring workers, families, and their children to Ionia County Schools
Mentors facilitate YAC student activities and leadership development
MRS services prepare special education students for and then connect them with, post-secondary opportunities.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Finding more collaborations in the community
To sustain funding from the County to continue Economic Development activities
Overcrowded office space and affording mentors
Funding the MRS/ISD's collaboration

PURCHASING

Technology – Saranac, Palo, Coon, North LeValley, and Haynor

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$6,000 - \$10,000

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Cost savings to local districts

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Getting more districts to participate in all technology purchases

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED INSTRUCTION

Special Education – all ICISD districts based on IEP's
White Boards – Saranac, Coon, North LeValley, & Haynor

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

Unable to calculate a monetary value of cost savings though we accept the impact of technology assisted instruction on student achievement.

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

One person coordinating the delivery of instruction in devices

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Keeping abreast with the rapid pace of change in technology.

TRANSPORTATION

Collaborative Special Education and Vocational Education – all ICISD districts

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

Unable to calculate cost savings.

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Transportation for Special and Vocational Education students done by LEAs allow ISD funds to be directly spent on students in the classroom.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Challenges faced include coordinating schedules and calendars, and meeting the demands of the local districts.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING

County-wide school mail delivery system – all schools via busses and staff
REMC - Ionia County ISD, Kent ISD & Montcalm ISD

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

Savings result from each district not having to have individual mail delivery systems regionally and county-wide

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

County-wide school mail delivery system utilizing Special Education and Vocational Education buses saving the postage, staff and vehicle costs.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Delay in delivery due to non-attendance days.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Ionia, Belding, Saranac, Portland, Portland St. Pats, & Pewamo/Westphalia

PROJECTED TOTAL COST SAVINGS RELATED TO EACH SHARED SERVICE

\$ 1,114,558.00

SUCSESSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING

Ionia County Intermediate School District shares Career and Technical Education Services with four local LEA's funded with an area wide Vocational Millage.

CHALLENGES FACED IN IMPLEMENTING

Challenges faced include coordinating schedules and calendars, coordinating transportation, and meeting the demands of the local districts.

Core curriculum demands interfere with students' ability to access Career and Technical Education programs