

**Manistee Intermediate School District
Director Report**

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Below is a report of progress on our goals, for this month, as they relate to my program. Note highlighted areas for desired action or key dates to remember.

Manistee ISD will provide services

that will improve teaching and learning:

- Next school year, our SCI numbers will, at least, double. This is due to move-in students and the need to move three SCI students from our ECSE classroom into the SCI program. Currently, the SCI and older, MCI classrooms have been combined under one teacher. We will be discussing the need for an additional teacher during our meeting this month. I have reviewed the caseloads of all of our teachers and have projected our enrollment for the next three years.

to assist local districts to comply with local, state and federal mandates:

- Our Compliance Monitor, Darryl Petterson, has met with representatives from all of our local districts and has reviewed their “in-school” suspension programs and policies. The state has made this a priority, after receiving “monitoring” from the federal government. We are in the process of putting the results together before meeting with each district. The preliminary results look promising with only one district needing to make some changes in their process.
- Our MISD Plan needs to be amended to include the new EI Classroom. I have received signatures from the superintendents and the PAC Chairperson and have sent the necessary paperwork to the state for their approval.

to improve the quality, enhance efficiency, and foster cooperation and collaboration in our educational service area.

- As indicated earlier, there is a strong possibility of needing to move our ECSE classroom from the portable outside of Madison Elementary. MAPS has indicated that they may be closing Madison as early as this fall or definitely, the following year. Location in an elementary building in a room with a bathroom would be necessary. We have a legal obligation to integrate our pre-school students into “regular” pre-school programs so this would need to be a consideration when deciding where the classroom is located. We also will be needing a larger classroom at MHS for our SCI classroom. I have talked with each of the superintendents and continue to explore options with them.