

Superintendent's Report

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Update:

Michigan Education Guarantee:

The Michigan Launch organization is diligently working on a legislative proposal known as the Michigan Guarantee. They aim to have this legislation proposed in the coming weeks voted into law as soon as possible. The primary objectives of this legislative effort are to redefine high school graduation standards with a promise of adequate and equitable funding and to reshape "reciprocal" accountability standards and measurements. Although the Launch group has attempted similar initiatives in the past with limited success, they are making another concerted effort. This time, they are extending their outreach beyond private industry to seek acceptance from various groups within the education community. I have been invited to join an ISD/RESA advisory group to swiftly review and provide feedback on this proposal.

In general, many aspects of this initiative sound promising on paper, although it lacks specificity. Key points from my perspective include a push towards a standards-based education model with a focus on "demonstration of mastery" and career-focused education (CTE). Additionally, the proposal includes the establishment of a Graduation Standards Oversight Committee, which appears to be more than just an advisory body to the Michigan Department of Education.

MASA Conference:

A quick reminder that I will be attending the MASA conference this week, and we are fortunate to have the event here in Kalamazoo.