

**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.**

Moodle has been successfully upgraded from version 2.0 to version 2.2+.

An Examview plug-in has been installed with the new version of Moodle. This plug-in will save teachers a tremendous amount of time when importing data from Examview. Combining Examview and Moodle allows for a teacher to quickly assemble a bank of questions (up to 250) related to a topic, benchmark, standard, etc., then upload it to Moodle. Once in Moodle teachers can create tests, quizzes, or assignments that randomly pull 1 to 100 questions from these banks. Every student can have a different test. Every student can have hundreds of review assignments. Make up assignments or reteaching assignments are easy to generate. Assignments can give immediate feedback, plus more.

The Turnitin.com Moodle plug-in has also been upgraded for the new version of Moodle.

**to assist local districts to comply with local, state and federal mandates.**

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

The MISD is assisting local districts with the PowerSchool 7.1.0 upgrade.

Google Sites has been enabled for students at Kaleva Norman Dickson Schools.

**Other comments**

The Spring 2012 WSCC Video Conference Classes have started. Classes include multiple English Composition II sections and Early Childhood Development.

The MISD VMware software and licenses have been upgraded to version 5. This includes VMware vCenter and all VMware host systems. The VMware tools have also been upgraded on all active virtual machines. Over the next few weeks we will be working with the LEAs to upgrade their virtual machine hardware version. As part of the VMWare license upgrade, the MISD now has VMWare storage vMotion capabilities. This allows us to move virtual machines, while powered on, between data stores without causing interruption to service. A very welcomed feature.

vRanger, the virtual machine backup system, has also been upgraded to the latest version, version 5.3. vRanger has also been re-configured to use LAN-Free mode which provides much better backup performance with VMWare vSphere 5.

2012-2013 MISD-NET Internet proposals have been submitted.

The next County-wide Technology meeting will be held on January 25th, 2012.