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.

• Shared Services

We currently share a half time social studies consultant with other northern Michigan ISDs. Next year we'll share a half time math consultant. We'll trade some of Kim Rinehart's days to work on science professional development at WMISD, next year. The expanded practice of sharing services increases the quality of professional development we're able to offer our teachers and students. By focusing more deeply on fewer tasks we can offer richer content and improve instruction and learning.

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

- McKinney Vento Homeless Grant
 - We have improved our process for offering support to homeless students both in our ISD and at the local districts due to a shared service cooperative with Mecosta-Osceola ISD. Through their support, and professional development, we are able to correctly identify and offer services to homeless youth in Manistee County. We currently have 10 homeless students in our Center Based Program, out of 45 kids. The definition of homelessness is children not having a permanent place to live, or living with friends or relatives due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

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

• Administrator Retreat Plans are underway to facilitate an administrator retreat for all superintendents and principals in Manistee, Wexford, and Missaukee Counties. We'll meet on August 22 and 23 at the Manistee ISD to study new evaluation procedures, new assessments coming to cover the common core state standards and resources to help schools thrive in this changing era.

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