

**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:

- Our last Special Education Teacher's Networking dinner meeting is scheduled for Monday, 5/21. The agenda is set by the teacher consultants with input from the sp ed teachers.
- We have received 13 applications for the two MCI teacher positions. We have completed interviews with 5 of the candidates. I am in the process of checking references. I have asked two of them to return for a second interview and to visit the two classroom programs. Hopefully I will have two recommendations for you to approve at the June board meeting.

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

- The formal, parent, special education complaint filed against MAPS went to mediation last month. The state requires an attempt at mediation before a complaint is investigated. Fortunately it was resolved at this level. The state kept the complaint open, however, due to the parent's questioning of inappropriate use of crisis interventions. We received word, last week, that the state has closed the complaint investigation and found that MAPS was not in violation of any compliance issues and that the complaints by the parent were not valid.
- We will have our last Parent Advisory Committee meeting next week. Darryl Petterson will be presenting the monitoring process to the parents.

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

- I have met with the MAPS administration about utilizing Madison Elementary school as an early childhood building. We will be moving our ECSE classroom to that building from the portable. This will allow us to more effectively integrate our early childhood special education students into other programs at Madison. Also, our Early On Coordinator will be located in that building. MAPS young five's program as well as their kindergarten programs will be located in Madison. MAPS is considering opening a "4-Star program also. Lots of possibilities. We'll keep you posted on developments at Madison...more to come.