



February 2026 Board Report

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Celebrating CTE Month

February is CTE Month, and across Ionia County we're celebrating programs that prepare students for real-world careers. From the Career Center to local high schools, students are gaining hands-on experience, exploring in-demand pathways, and building skills that strengthen our community.



CELEBRATE TODAY,
OWN TOMORROW!



ICCC Open House

The Ionia County Career Center will host its Open House on February 12, 2026, from 4:00–6:00 PM.

IONIA COUNTY CAREER CENTER
OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 12, 2026
4:00-6:00 PM
250 E. TUTTLE RD., IONIA

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING	CULINARY ARTS	MACHINE TOOL
CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	DIESEL TECHNOLOGY	HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	EDUCATIONAL CAREERS	PLANT & ANIMAL SCIENCE

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Diesel Collaboration

ICCC second-year Diesel students are designing and building portable trailer test kits to diagnose wiring on everything from utility trailers to semi-trailers. The self-powered kits, built for field use and outdoor conditions, were developed as a real-world project endorsed by the program's advisory committee. To refine the design, ICCC partnered with the Gratiot-Isabella Tech Center CAD program, where students are 3D printing interior components based on specifications from Diesel students. Both groups recently met to review progress and identify improvements to durability, function, and appearance. The goal is to produce industry-ready kits that provide quick diagnostics and may eventually be sold to help support CTE programs, while giving students hands-on experience in product design, collaboration, and workforce skills.



Machine Tool Student Collaboration

Machine Tool instructors Mr. Smalley and Mr. Godwin worked with students to design and build a custom bench, providing a hands-on opportunity to apply technical skills while emphasizing creativity, precision, and teamwork. This project highlights the practical, real-world learning experiences taking place in the program.



Portland Middle School Visits Computer Programming

We were pleased to welcome Portland Middle School's ACE students, led by Mr. Deuel, to our Computer Programming class. During the visit, students gained hands-on experience with technology, explored the program, and received an introduction to career pathways in computer science.



Culinary Students Earn ServSafe Certification

Congratulations to our Culinary Arts students who have earned their ServSafe Manager's Certification! This nationally recognized credential, awarded by the National Restaurant Association, demonstrates their knowledge of food safety and management, preparing them for success in the culinary industry.



FFA Districts

Our Ionia FFA students recently competed at the District Leadership contest, demonstrating strong preparation, professionalism, and teamwork while representing our program. We are proud to share that three groups advanced to the next round of competition. Ryland Johns will be moving on in Prepared Public Speaking, our Agricultural Issues team, Addison Dahms, Karina Gutierrez, Rylee Miller, Kenzie Everett, and Garret Ingraham also earned advancement. Their success reflects the dedication of our students and the continued support and guidance provided by our staff and community, and we look forward to cheering them on at regionals.

Job Interview

Ali Meyers- Advancing to regionals



Avery Mangus- Gold Award



Charleigh Thelen-Silver Award



Prepared Public Speaking

Rylan Johns- Advancing to regionals



Amelia Griffith-Silver



Ophelia Fuller- Silver



Summer Clark- Silver



AG Issues

**Ionia AM-Advancing to regionals;
Addison Dahms, Karina Gutierrez,
Rylee Miller, Kenzie Everett, and
Garrett Ingraham**



Ionia PM Gold-Silver



Ionia PM Blue-Silver

