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Board Report — December 11, 2025

- **31 AA:** Despite some last-minute developments stemming from federal and state lawsuits filed against the state for the new 31aa requirements that would have allowed for some opt-in/opt-out provisions, we decided to stay the course and not apply for the funds this year. As stated last month, the amount is so minimal for us that the uncertainty of the situation and additional filing responsibilities did not justify proceeding. The positive of not accepting is that it was determined that any unclaimed funds would be allocated to K-12 districts that opted in; so, this is a good development for those districts.
- **Peer Site Visit:** We are scheduled to host a contingent from Kent ISD later this month for a site visit of the Autism Education Center. The positive work being done in the program in the specially designed space has gained interest from other ISD's looking to build or renovate facilities for their students with similar unique needs.
- **Trauma Support:** I want to recognize the excellent job of support our staff provided this week to Ionia Public Schools on the unexpected passing of a member of the high school staff. Our school psychologists and social workers worked compassionately to support IPS in the planning and implementation of grief counseling support for students and staff. The support will continue next week as long as requested.
- **Safety & Security Training Opportunities:** We will be offering to local districts this month at our superintendent meeting, two opportunities for strengthening their safety and security planning through a new partnership we have created with Kent ISD. Kent ISD will be hosting a reunification training at one of its dedicated reunification sites just for Ionia County school leaders. In the spring or early summer, the Kent County Emergency Manager will be working with the Ionia County Emergency Manager and KISD security staff to conduct professional development via a tabletop exercise at the Ionia ISD to simulate emergency response.
- **Legislative Update:** There has been minimal movement on any educational issues in Lansing due to the extended legislative Thanksgiving break. There are very few session days remaining in the calendar year, so it is not expected that there will be significant developments.