

# LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Jennifer Taiariol, Director of Student Services

**Subject: Livonia Transition Program Cooperative Agreements**

The Livonia Transition Program is a vocational training program that services students on a certificate of completion who are 18-26 years of age. Our program is located on the campus of Schoolcraft College. Most students have job experiences off campus at training locations such as: Embassy Suites, Ward Church, Cintas, and Meijer to name only a few. Students work on transition activities as well as receive on the job experiences and training. We have had 17 students leave our program for competitive employment opportunities over the past 2 years. In addition, we have one current Project Search program, which is a collaboration between Livonia Public Schools, Michigan Rehabilitative Services and community supports such as the Services to Enhance Potential (STEP) program. Our current Project Search site, at St. Mary's Hospital, is a full year rotation for students within five major vocational areas within the hospital. One student has been hired by St. Mary's already this year.

In addition to servicing Livonia Public Schools' residents, we offer cooperative agreements to surrounding districts to provide services for their students. We currently have cooperative agreements with Northville (5), Redford Union (6), Garden City (4) and South Redford (4) and may receive students from Van Buren (6-8) for the 20/21 school year. Livonia collects the state aid for their students and then charges the local districts for the remaining cost for a total of \$15,000 per student. Wayne County RESA has also agreed to offset some of the costs of the program as part of the Act 18 budget for students with cognitive impairments.

I am prepared to present this topic at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 27, 2020 and will be requesting this topic, if approved, go on the consent agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 27, 2020.