

**BELDING AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

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FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Support for Ionia County ISD Special Education Millage Resolution

Background and Findings:

The ICISD is seeking a millage for Special Education. Only intermediate school districts can place a special education millage proposal on the ballot, and ICISD is doing so in cooperation with its local school districts. ICISD provides mandatory services to local district students, from birth to age 26, with a wide range of cognitive, emotional, learning, behavioral and physical impairments and delays across 13 state-identified service categories.

Current state, federal and ICISD millage fails to provide the funding needed for these mandatory special education services. As a result, in order to fully fund this legally mandated programming, local public school districts must cover this funding gap from general funds which otherwise could be used for education programs and services for all students. This millage proposal would help reduce the annual general fund contributions of constituent districts in the ICISD.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Resolution.