

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Memorandum

To: Michael Kapolka, Superintendent

From: Ryan Spencer, Director of Technology

Subject: WISD Fiber Consortium & PowerSchool Hosting 24/25

Date: December 23, 2024

Dear Mr. Kapolka,

I am writing to recommend the approval of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) fiber consortium invoice for internet services and hosting of our PowerSchool server for the 2024-2025 school year. These services are essential to the effective operation of Chelsea School District's technology infrastructure, providing reliable internet access and secure hosting for our student information system.

The WISD's internet service includes high-speed connectivity, fiber maintenance and repair, network security, redundancy, upgrades, and a dedicated staff to support the shared network across all districts in Washtenaw County. The hosting of our PowerSchool server encompasses the physical server, security updates, upgrades, and staff support, ensuring the system remains reliable, efficient, and protected.

The WISD fiber consortium committee—composed of two superintendents (currently from Dexter and Whitmore Lake), three technology directors (Dexter, Ypsilanti/Lincoln, and Chelsea), and the WISD Chief Information Officer—reviewed and approved the \$19.00 per-pupil cost for the upcoming school year. Based on the previous fall's headcount, Chelsea School District's total cost has been set at \$43,244.00.

Given the importance of these services and the consensus reached by the committee, I recommend the Board approve the continuation of services through the WISD at the stated cost for the 2024-2025 school year.

Thank you for your consideration, Ryan Spencer