



# CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Memorandum

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To: Michael Kapolka, Superintendent  
From: Ryan Spencer, Director of Technology  
Subject: WISD Fiber Consortium & PowerSchool Hosting 25/26  
Date: May 28, 2025

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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 2025–2026 school year. These services are essential to the effective operation of the 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 per-pupil costs for the upcoming school year. For 2025–2026, there is a \$2 per-pupil increase for fiber services, while the cost for PowerSchool hosting remains unchanged. Based on the previous fall's headcount, Chelsea School District's total cost has been set at \$47,796.00, which has also been approved by the Washtenaw Superintendents' Association (WSA).

Given the importance of these services and the consensus reached by the committee, I recommend that the Board approve the continuation of services through the WISD at the stated cost for the 2025–2026 school year.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Ryan Spencer