

**Manistee Intermediate School District
Director Report**

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Below is a report of progress on our goals, for this month, as they relate to my program. Note highlighted areas for desired action or key dates to remember.

Manistee ISD will provide services

that will improve teaching and learning.

- Career and College Readiness Standards

In the new national standards there are six shifts in instruction which will require teachers to change their practice. At our January 30 common pd day we introduced the shifts and asked teachers to reflect on them. The main idea of the shifts are to have students experiment with the material, and discuss and reflect on their learning, more than they currently do in most classrooms. The older style techniques of lecture and practice, and I taught it to them it's not my fault if they didn't learn it, are outdated and the new methods require more questioning strategies, discussion, intervention and less lecture.

to assist local districts to comply with local, state and federal mandates.

- Evaluation

We continue to support districts in compliance with the new evaluation legislation by planning our administrator retreat with evaluation as the main topic of focus. We are also offering a series of professional learning opportunities with principals at our meetings discussing appropriate compliance with the law. Principals have a chance to reflect and share ideas with each other at these meetings.

to improve the quality, enhance efficiency, and foster cooperation and collaboration in our educational service area.

- School Improvement Planning

At our next county-wide professional learning day principals will have the opportunity to work with their staff on the school improvement plan due in September. By working together on planning the sessions, and sharing ideas with each other, principals get a perspective about effective strategies and activities to implement in the future.

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