

Board Report

Month: December 2025

Administrator: Angela Telfer, Executive Director for Special Education

Update:

MAISA & SEILN Emergency Seclusion and Restraint Series

Event: *Creating Safe Learning Environments*

Date: November 19, 2025

Location: David L. Eisler Center, Ferris State University

Overview

November 19, 2025, Angela Telfer, Executive Director for Special Education and Jason Irvin, Behavior Support Specialist from WoodsEdge Learning Center represented **KRESA** as an exemplar leader at the **MAISA & SEILN Emergency Seclusion and Restraint Series: Creating Safe Learning Environments**. This was the first in a four-part series designed to train trainers in proactive strategies for reducing seclusion and restraint in schools and to help districts evaluate their systems for strengths and areas of improvement.

Presentation Highlights

- **Audience:** Approximately **300 participants** from ISDs and local districts across Michigan.
- **Focus:** Proactive approaches to **reduce seclusion and restraint** and create safe, supportive learning environments.
- **KRESA's Contribution:**
 - Shared the **implementation science-based process** used to achieve significant improvements for students.
 - Demonstrated how systematic change can lead to better outcomes and safer environments.
 - Positioned KRESA as a **model for best practices** in transforming school culture and behavior management.
- **Kent ISD and Muskegon ISD** staff also presented as exemplar districts at the first session of this series.





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Impact

- **Connections Made:** Several districts engaged with KRESA following the presentation to learn more about the process and strategies.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Angela Telfer will continue to serve on the SEILN planning committee for the next three sessions.
 - KRESA staff (including identified trainers) will continue participation in the remaining three sessions of the series.
 - Support Kalamazoo County districts in implementing preventative strategies and conducting system evaluations and invite them to consider sending a team and selecting trainers in their districts. Portage Public Schools have already committed to joining KRESA at the next three sessions.

Action Item:

None

Fiscal Impact:

None

Attachments:

None

