

General Education Board Report

September 2025

Instructional Services Update:

August focused on planning, professional development delivery, and personal professional growth to support early literacy across multiple districts.

- **Training & Support:**
 - Led **phonemic awareness training** in Ionia and **phonics training** in Lakewood, both well-received and aligned with district goals.
 - Delivered **UFLI Foundations training** for new teachers, primarily from Lakewood and rural schools, with plans for continued support and additional sessions throughout the year.
 - Observed **Saranac's CKLA curriculum training**, gaining insight into curriculum rollout, which is valuable as other districts consider adoption.
- **Professional Learning:**
 - Participated in Saranac's training sessions to better understand curriculum implementation and staff development.
 - Attended the **statewide Early Literacy Coaches Kickoff** in Grand Rapids with over 400 coaches, engaging in collaboration and learning from expert speakers.
- **Planning & Collaboration:**
 - Met with several school teams to set instructional goals and ensure a strong start to the year.

GSRP:

FY26 Allocations: The Ionia ISD is continuing to partner with the LEA's in order to increase capacity within the County. As of August, the ISD requested 302 allocations for FY26. This is an increase of 20 allocations from FY25.

FY26 Projected Programming:

Site	Programming	Number of Classrooms	Number of Children
Saranac GSRP	ISD Operated	1	18
Lakewood GSRP	ISD Operated	2	36
Belding Little Knights	Sub Recipient	2	36
Ionia Bulldog Beginnings	Sub Recipient	4	70
Portland Little Raiders	Sub Recipient	6	108

Belding HS Blend	Blend	1	17
Ionia HS Blend	Blend	1	17
Total Number of Allocations Requested:			302

Professional Development: The ISD provided County Wide GSRP 101 training to all staff prior to children attending. The ISD is also in the process of providing C4L Implementation training and TS Gold training for all newly hired staff.

GSRP Students Are Here! All enrolled children have started their school year with us. We are excited and proud to be serving the preschool community.



The Great Start Collaborative:

The Great Start Collaborative has been busy this summer partnering with WIC and DHHS to put lending libraries and educational activities in the waiting rooms. We have also put 4 lending libraries out at Rave, Belding's The Right Door, Early Head Start's 8Cap location in Orleans, and the ISD playground.

Lots of books were given out to families at our Park Hopping Events around the county on Fridays in July and August. We just started our Friday Adventure Walks at the University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Ionia last Friday and will continue through the end of October. We are hosting three nighttime walks at the ISD this fall on September 26, October 10, and October 24. The October 24th walk will be our Halloween walk with local agencies handing out candy to children and an ambulance and fire truck here for "Touch a Truck". It is looking to be a busy fall.