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. The Turnitin.com Moodle plug-in has been upgraded to resolve issues with assignments.
to assist local districts to comply with local, state and federal mandates. The Manistee ISD is currently working towards a solution on blocking consumer gmail while allowing School Google Apps. This is a very complex situation because Google provides a single sign-on for both email services. This makes it difficult to distinguish between a consumer user and Google Apps user.
to improve the quality, enhance efficiency, and foster cooperation and collaboration in our educational service area. Google video and district Youtube channel features have been enabled for Onekama Consolidated Schools. The Manistee ISD Technology Department is working on developing a help desk ticket system and knowledge base article system to better serve our districts. This ticket system will automatically log and categorize technology support requests and notify users on ticket status updates. The School Finance on-line pay stub system has been activated for Onekama Consolidated Schools. Mason-Lake-Oceana ISD, Wexford Missaukee ISD, and Manistee ISD Technology Directors have been meeting to discuss regional technology collaborative initiatives.
Other comments The MAPS Casper server (Mac Management System), has been upgraded to version 8.43. Included in this new version is iPad device and application management features. The Alertnow notification system is now completely automated for student contacts. We hope to have the contact information automated for staff in the near future by working with Optimal Solutions. The next County-wide Technology meeting will be held on February 22nd, 2012.