

Board Report

Month: April 2025

Administrator: Eric Stewart, Sarah Mansberger, Paige Daniels

Update:

- Career Connect Campus: The journey of building the Career Connect Campus has transformed from a marathon into a sprint. As the final touches are being applied to the building, the extensive equipment we've purchased is now being installed throughout the facility. Our staff is eagerly preparing to move in, with full occupancy expected to be granted in early May. The excitement is building as we near this milestone!
- New EFA Administrator: We are excited to welcome Kate Yancho as KRESA's new EFA Administrator, succeeding Bryan Zocher upon his retirement in June. Kate brings a deep passion for the arts, extensive expertise, and proven leadership developed over years of experience both within our community and beyond. Most recently, she served as the Executive Director of Wellspring Dance Academy, and she is also an active member of the Michigan Arts and Culture Council and the Michigan Dance Council. We are thrilled to welcome Kate to the team and look forward to the incredible impact she will make!
- Xello Update: The Career Awareness and Exploration team continues to strengthen its collaboration with local districts to support and increase Xello usage. By the end of March, there were over 80,000 Xello logins during the 2024-2025 school year, nearly matching the total of 81,024 logins for the entire 2023-2024 school year. This year Career Development Consultants have introduced PowerHours, one-hour virtual professional learning sessions, to further support Xello usage across the county. These sessions are designed to provide educators with resources to integrate Xello as a tool for connecting academics, skills, and careers. The 2025-2026 PowerHour series will focus on the alignment between Xello and the recently updated Michigan Career Development Model.





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- New Assistant Principal for Instruction: We are excited to welcome Kyle Shack as the Career Connect Campus Assistant Principal of Instruction. Kyle brings a wealth of experience and passion for education to our team. Currently serving as an Assistant Principal at Kalamazoo Central High School, he also teaches as an adjunct faculty member in Michigan State University's Educational Technology Program. He has served previously as a Social Studies teacher at Loy Norrix High School, Allegan Alternative High School, and Urban Prep Academy in Chicago. We look forward to welcoming Kyle to the team and to the incredible learning his expertise will inspire!

Action Item:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

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