

REPORT NAME: Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) 2022-2023

REPORT OF: Intense Student Support Network

FOR: Information-Interagency Agreement with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT: *Board Strategic Plan Goal II- Instruction; Goal IV- Supporting Buildings & Classrooms*

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT: Improving outcomes for students with disabilities

FISCAL FUND IMPACT: This will be a Special Education Expenditure

IMPACT AMOUNT: \$12,000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Southfield Public Schools would like to continue our collaborative agreement with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS). This interagency agreement is created to enhance and improve the provision of vocational rehabilitation services for students with disabilities. Students with disabilities may have barriers in learning or working at a job. Therefore, MRS vocational counselors develop Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). The map identifies supports and services necessary for students to be successful. The IPE may contain preparing a resume and cover letter, strategies on interviewing techniques and participating in job training. MRS provides direct support for our students to learn about different jobs; identify emerging jobs; participate in on-the-job training; job shadowing; broaden employment options through assistive technology and other accommodations. Students explore vocational programs at technical/business schools and colleges. The ultimate goal is to allow students to gain independence; improve their quality of life; be successful; contribute to the community; and build self-esteem.

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS: This interagency agreement totals \$44,444 (Our cost is \$12,000 the remainder is covered by MRS/Federal grants to support students with disabilities).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the interagency agreement with Michigan Rehabilitation.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED:

This partnership would end and 40-45 students will no longer receive the support of MRS. The support includes but is not limited to: employment coaching; job placement; interview skills; internships; scholarship support; transition support for housing and independent living skills.

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED:

If approved, payment will be forwarded to MRS.