

# Superintendent's Report

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**Month:** May 2025

**Administrator:** Dedrick Martin

**Update:**

## **Federal Budget Development**

The State Budget Office's briefing on May 13th revealed potential impacts of federal budget proposals, including significant Medicaid cuts. These cuts could affect Michigan's budget and have harmful consequences for students, families, schools, and communities, particularly in rural areas with reduced medical care access and free meal programs. We will keep monitoring, advocating, and adjusting as necessary.

## **Drug-Free Workplace Policy**

This draft revision proposes allowing the use of alcohol at the Career Connect campus during adult-only events in the conference space, subject to the superintendent's approval. This policy change is being considered due to the high interest in utilizing the conference space for various community events involving adults only, outside of school hours. An example of such an event would be KCSOA dinners.

## **Dr. Myers Retirement and KRESA Board Elections**

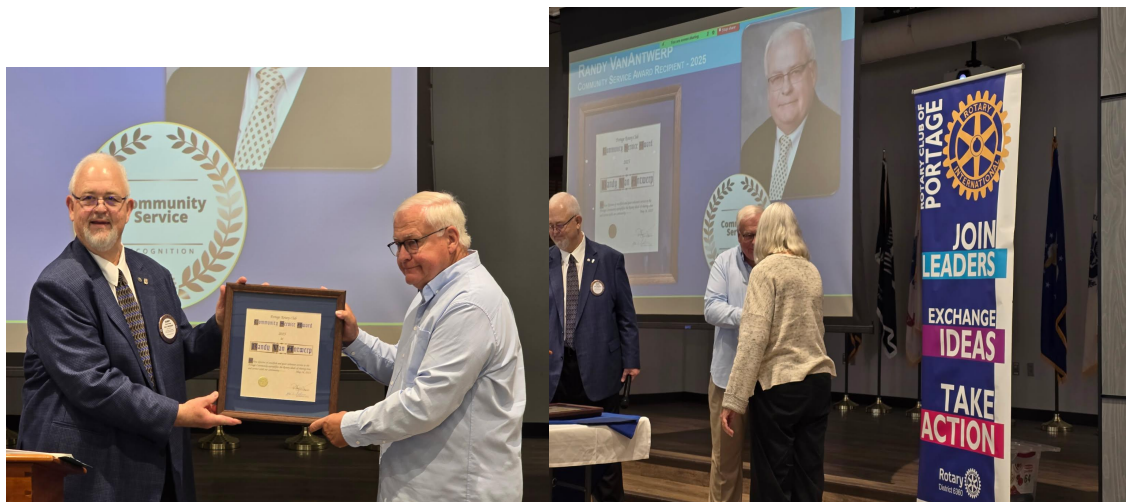
It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of Dr. Deloris Myers from the KRESA Board of Education. Dr. Myers has dedicated 29 years to serving our community, collaborating with six superintendents, facilitating the opening of WoodsEdge and the Career Connect Campus, passing multiple millages, and championing excellence and equity for all children. We will take the time to celebrate her remarkable contributions just before the June 17th Board meeting, with more details to follow.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Dave Webster has decided to run for reelection, and Mr. James Devers has applied to run for the vacancy created by Dr. Myers' retirement. Mr. Webster has been a long-serving member of the KRESA Board and will continue to provide stable leadership and support

for KRESA operations. Mr. Devers has a wealth of experience in working with, leading, and supporting both public and charter school operations. Information has been sent out to all local school board members, and the elections will be held on June 2nd, with new board members taking their seats effective July 1, 2025.

### **Community Service Award**

I want to take a moment to also recognize Trustee Randy VanAntwerp who was the 2025 Portage Rotary Club Community Service Award honoree. This award was given in recognition of Randy's continuous and selfless service to make the community of Portage a better place, especially for children. The motto for Rotary is "Service Above Self" and as just another example of Randy's thoughtfulness and care for others, he insisted that his cash reward of \$750 be directly donated to the KC Ready 4s program. We are proud of Randy, and it was an honor of mine to be there and express appreciation for his great work on behalf of KRESA.



### **KCSOA Details:**

Just a quick reminder that the KCSOA Dinner is tomorrow (May 21<sup>st</sup>) starting at 5:00. Michael Horrigan from the Upjohn Institute will be presenting. MASB also be handing out awards to board members that have achieved milestones throughout the year. Lastly, there will be a tour to all a sneak peek opportunity for all local board members to experience this beautiful facility before the Grand Opening on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00. Given the size of the facility, please consider wearing comfortable walking shoes. For those needing assistance, there will be a group that will use the elevator to accommodate their needs.

### **Target Assistance Grants (TAG)**

We have begun to recognize our new TAG awardees starting last week. We are happy to support 8 budding professionals on their journey to becoming teachers. Sandy and I have had the opportunity to present the awards to the individuals who have been selected throughout the different KRESA programs.

