

# Board Report

**Month:** December 2025

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## **Updates:**

### **Discovery Lab: Mission to Space – IT-Focused Iteration**

This year, we launched an exciting new iteration of our Discovery Lab experience: Mission to Space, designed to immerse students in the world of information technology while connecting directly to our Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways.

Students step into an escape-room style challenge aboard our mobile lab, where a smooth space launch takes an unexpected turn. Working in small teams, they tackle real-world problems using skills from computer networking, programming, cybersecurity, and even artificial intelligence. These hands-on activities give students a true taste of careers in IT and related fields.

The experience is further enriched through our partnership with the Air Zoo, whose educators guide students through aerospace career pathways—from engineers and pilots to mission specialists—creating a dynamic link between technology and aerospace industries.

#### Impact Highlights:

- Over 2,000 students have participated so far this year through visits to local middle schools and community events.
- District Feedback:
  - *"Our kiddos absolutely raved about the experience. We are so grateful for this partnership."*
  - *"The students have been talking non-stop about their experiences on the lab, and there are so many connections we can make back to sixth grade science."*

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### **Career Connect Open House**

The community and the board are invited to discover the many free educational opportunities available through Kalamazoo RESA's Career Connect programs at the annual Open House. This year's event will be held at the Career Connect Campus on February 10, 2026, from 5:00 PM- 7:30 PM.

### **Action Item:**

### **Fiscal Impact:**

### **Attachments:**

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