

**BELDING AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

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FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Resolution to Participate in the Ionia County ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan (Local In-County Schools of Choice Program)

Background and Findings:

The Ionia ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice plan provides the families living within the ISD service area a range of choices to obtain a quality education for their children.

Ionia ISD Superintendents believe public schools offer the best educational opportunities for all students. This plan is designed to provide the best possible education for the vast majority of Ionia ISD families who choose their home district, while accommodating the desires of those who would like to transfer to another school.

Ionia ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice is designed to:

- Meet the needs of parents, students, schools and communities within Ionia ISD.
- Provide opportunities for families to seek the best options available for their children.
- Strengthen collaboration and cooperation within and among schools.
- Better utilize and share resources among schools.

Ionia ISD's Schools of Choice Plan is designed to meet the needs of families seeking to enroll their children in another school district and is limited only by the seats available in receiving districts, the time constraints of the open enrollment period, which is from April 14 through September 5, 2025, or the Choice students' suspension or expulsion record.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted to participate in the Ionia County ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice plan:

Board member _____ moved, seconded by Board member _____, that the Belding Area Schools District will participate in the Ionia County Intermediate School District's Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan for the 2026-27 school year.