PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL RM #1136, 8135 S. WESTNEDGE, PORTAGE, MI 49002
NOVEMBER 23, 2026, 6:30 PM
AGENDA

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We are inspired to be an exceptional community grounded in fostering strengths, growth, and lifelong learning. Every student. Every future.
MISSION STATEMENT
Portage Public Schools will educate all students to achieve their potential.

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This meeting is a meeting of the Board in public for the purpose of conducting the District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the Agenda.

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II. Revisions/Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as printed (or as amended).

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Portage Public Schools: 2021 Bond Issue
Consolidated Construction Cost Summary
Change Order 013 - November 2nd, 2026
Construction Manager: Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.

	Program Element	Central Elementary	Haverhill Elementary	Woodland Elementary	Amberly Elementary
Construction	Original Construction Cost (Building Site, Construction Trade Packages)	$31,611,717	$26,780,159	$28,569,705	$38,050,625
	Previous Change Order Construction Cost	$1,452,282	$1,187,101	$184,892	-
	Change Order 013	$173,442	$51,025	$211,737	$184,814
	Current Construction Cost:	**$33,237,441**	**$28,018,285**	**$28,966,334**	**$38,235,439**

	Program Element	Central Elementary	Haverhill Elementary	Woodland Elementary	Amberly Elementary
Contingency	Original Project Contingency (10%)	$3,055,748	$2,595,228	$2,856,971	$3,805,063
	Previous Contingency Cost	($1,592,276)	($1,187,101)	($184,892)	-
	Change Order 013 Contingency cost	($173,442)	($51,025)	($211,737)	($184,814)
	Current Contingency	**$1,290,030**	**$1,357,102**	**$2,460,342**	**$3,620,249**

Construction & Contingency	**$34,527,471**	**$29,375,387**	**$31,426,676**	**$41,855,688**
Current Bond Projects	**$137,185,222**			

Change Order Report - Bond Change Order Summary # 013
Through November 2nd, 2026

Central Elementary

	Description of work:	Total Cost:	# of Affected Contractors:
1	Allowance - Seeding of existing football field and repair of irrigation system where temp drive was located. $36,998	$0	1
2	Added poured in place surfacing at existing playground.	$164,050	2
3	Added tile wainscot by Café to protect walls.	$4,392	1
4	Additional sand for the changes to the playground poured in place revisions.	$5,000	1
	Central Elementary Change Order 013 Total:	**$173,442**	

Haverhill Elementary

		Total Cost:	# of Affected Contractors:
1	Added poured in place surfacing at existing playgrounds.	$189,904	2
2	Added topsoil and seeding around new curb at the pond.	$2,927	1
3	City of Portage requirement to install erosion blankets over grass play area.	$2,956	1
4	Repair of sinkhole at parent drop off loop and pumping pond.	$6,189	1
5	Additional sand for the changes to the playground poured in place revisions.	$12,526	1
6	Changes to stone dust walking path.	($3,000)	1
	Haverhill Elementary Change Order 013 Total:	**$211,502**	

Woodland Elementary

	Description of work:	Total Cost:	# of Affected Contractors:
1	Allowance - Adding a monument sign to the project. $30,345	$0	4
2	Bulletin 11 - Added concrete curb around mechanical room, revised glazing at specific doors.	$16,288	5
3	Bulletin 12 - Mechanical updates adding additional radiant flooring and revisions to concrete at walk-in cooler.	$28,916	3
4	Structural changes adding lintels throughout the building.	$567	1
5	Updates to storefront system doors and glass.	$10,359	1
6	Bulletin 13 - Civil updates to storm piping.	$2,500	1
7	Add concrete thickened slab to support tree trucks at living room.	$2,585	1
8	Security framing tariff/pricing increase	$3,309	1
9	Bulletin 14 - Interior revisions to stairs and mechanical updates.	$9,742	2
10	Steel stair nosing price increase.	$2,012	1
11	Bulletin 06 - Item No. 02 - Revisions to structural decking.	($2,088)	1
12	Added new curb along West Entrance.	$10,885	1
13	Repair masonry cracking.	$688	1
14	Bulletin 01 - Updates to landscaping package and adding underdrainage to playgrounds.	$47,395	1
15	Add additional supports for plumbing and mechanical piping.	$6,402	1
16	Adding membrane flashing around window and door openings.	$10,019	1
17	Asphalt milling at Woodland Drive.	$7,549	1
18	Increase the fascia height around the building for seamless look between masonry, metal panels and blocking.	$4,173	1
19	Bulletin 14 - Item No. 07 - Updates to technology in heart.	($3,285)	1
20	Bulletin 15 - Item No. 01 - Add snowmelt system controls and concrete.	$49,637	3
21	Administrative contingency shift to cover Asphalt/Landscaping bid packages allowance overage.	$4,084	-
	Woodland Elementary Change Order 013 Total:	**$211,737**	

Amberly Elementary

	Description of work:	Total Cost:	# of Affected Contractors:
1	Allowance - Added playground equipment to existing building. $77,227	$0	1
2	Allowance - Existing gym stage demo and add fencing. $7,000	$0	1
3	Post Bid Addendum 01 - Civil revisions; grading updates, water retainage revisions, excavation for existing building playground.	$53,877	1
4	Post Bid Addendum 02 - Civil updates to comply with Environmental Construction Management Plan	$97,699	1
5	Post Bid Addendum 03 - Civil/grading revisions to relocated playground for existing building.	$26,665	1
6	Allowance - Stone pad for job trailer. $1,300	$0	1
7	Allowance - Added stone for construction drive. $2,742	$0	1
8	Removal of additional area of old septic field.	$2,044	1
9	Allowance - Add footing excavation to contract. $120,100	$0	1
10	Add sidewalk at existing bus loop for safety.	$4,529	2
	Amberly Elementary Change Order 013 Total:	**$184,814**	

Portage Public Schools
General Fund Budget Progress Report by Function
2026-2027 Fiscal Year

	Four months ended October 30, 2026				Four months ended October 30, 2025			
	Preliminary Budget 2026-2027	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget	Preliminary Budget 2025-2026	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget
Revenue:								
Local	20,296,590	16%	18,032,994	89%	19,978,649	16%	17,777,481	89%
State	91,548,366	73%	9,007,028	10%	89,415,376	73%	11,534,548	13%
Federal	1,096,718	1%	7,561	1%	1,203,264	1%	14,837	1%
Local payments-other districts	11,821,889	9%	2,781,215	24%	12,127,368	10%	2,762,758	23%
Other/Transfers in	80,000	0%	-	0%	130,000	0%	-	0%
Total Revenue	124,843,563	100%	29,828,798	24%	122,854,657	100%	32,089,622	26%
Expenditures:								
Instruction								
Basic Programs	65,338,256	50%	12,487,945	19%	62,290,929	49%	12,557,378	20%
Added Needs	14,704,421	11%	2,562,384	17%	12,339,549	10%	2,395,409	19%
Total Instruction	80,042,677	61%	15,050,329	19%	74,630,478	59%	14,952,787	20%
Supporting Services								
Pupil Support	11,530,109	9%	2,201,290	19%	11,461,290	9%	2,255,581	20%
Instructional Staff	8,954,025	7%	2,773,970	31%	8,457,575	7%	2,186,298	26%
General Administration	974,545	1%	303,979	31%	873,106	1%	297,134	34%
School Administration	6,835,573	5%	1,658,064	24%	6,601,287	5%	1,663,667	25%
Business	1,344,077	1%	469,310	35%	1,309,382	1%	460,948	35%
Operations and Maintenance	11,538,818	9%	3,439,955	30%	11,051,081	9%	3,984,832	36%
Transportation	4,730,811	4%	1,128,810	24%	5,707,490	5%	1,105,679	19%
Central Support Services	3,533,176	3%	1,501,653	43%	3,531,171	3%	1,814,100	51%
Other Support Services	2,045,546	2%	519,128	25%	1,942,324	2%	430,484	22%
Community Services	55,237	0%	4,407	8%	23,468	0%	13,761	59%
Childcare Services	129,705	0%	20,126	16%	270,287	0%	108,774	40%
Total Supporting Services	51,671,622	39%	14,020,692	27%	51,228,461	41%	14,321,258	28%
Other Financing Uses/Capital Outlay	144,836	0%	121,928	84%	142,928	0%	-	0%
Total Expenditures	131,859,135	100%	29,192,949	22%	126,001,867	100%	29,274,045	23%
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(7,015,572)		635,849		(3,147,210)		2,815,578	

Portage Public Schools
General Fund Budget Progress Report by Object
2026-2027 Fiscal Year

	Four months ended October 30, 2026				Four months ended October 30, 2025			
	Preliminary Budget 2026-2027	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget	Preliminary Budget 2025-2026	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget
Salaries	66,913,980	51%	13,670,444	20%	61,276,322	49%	12,917,548	21%
Benefits	44,401,713	34%	8,637,106	19%	44,529,686	35%	8,939,308	20%
Total Salaries and Benefits	111,315,693	84%	22,307,551	20%	105,806,008	84%	21,856,857	21%
Purchased Services	12,629,428	10%	4,030,710	32%	13,999,493	11%	4,520,927	32%
Supplies	5,804,156	4%	2,642,281	46%	5,957,628	5%	2,066,689	35%
Capital outlay/Other	2,110,358	2%	212,408	10%	238,738	0%	829,572	347%
Total Expenditures	131,859,635	100%	29,192,949	22%	126,001,867	100%	29,274,045	23%

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IV. Board Education

1. Presentation on MR 1.1 (Elementary)

Portage Public Schools
Monitoring Report

Policy Type: Ends
Policy Title: (1.1) Global Ends

As requested by the Board during the 2016-17 school year, the Monitoring Report on Ends Policy 1.1 is divided into smaller segments to provide adequate time presenting and discussing this key Ends Statement.

The report is divided into three segments and reported on as follows:

- High / Middle School Measures – November 9, 2026
- Elementary School Measures – November 23, 2026
- Composite Report – December 7, 2026

After the two reports have been presented the Board will be asked to accept Monitoring Report 1.1.

Certification
I hereby present my Monitoring Report on Ends Policy 1.1 (Elementary School) in accordance with the monitoring schedule established by the Board. I certify that the information provided in this report is true as of November 23, 2026.


Signature

11/18/2026
Date

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1.1 POLICY LANGUAGE

Students demonstrate progress toward mastery in English language arts and math with evidence of annual academic growth and proficiency.

Ends statement 1.1 was last revised by the Board on 6/30/2025. It's also noted that on 9/19/2023 the Board added language to the introductory statement to capture the fact that Ends Statements are intended to be "long-range outcomes".

Interpretation

Definitions are provided below to interpret the following terms in the ends policy:

Similar Districts in the State is interpreted to mean a group of 10 Michigan Districts (including the baseline PPS) with similar demographics based on the 2025-26 school year using MISchoolData Fall Count datafile. Districts were selected based on: (Figure 7)

Total Enrollment compared to PPS
% Economically Disadvantaged
% Special Education
Similar Location - i.e. Large Suburb or City

Progress towards mastery in ELA and Math will be based on the standards and learning targets in the publicly available results from student assessments: Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP grades 3-7), PSAT 8/9 (grade 8), and the SAT (grade 11).

Evidence of annual Academic Proficiency is interpreted by a PPS school's percentage of students proficient relative to its Similar Districts.

Evidence of Improvement of results over time is interpreted by a PPS school's change in the percentage of students proficient compared to its three-year average relative to Similar Districts' change over their three-year average.

Evidence of annual Academic Growth is interpreted by the percent of PPS students who have a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) in the "Average Growth" range (30th to 69th percentile) or the "Above Average Growth" range (70th to 99th percentile), as defined by MISchoolData Student Growth report.

Low-achieving students are interpreted by PPS as those whose performance on the 2025-26 MSTEP, PSAT or SAT assessments indicates they are below the proficiency level. While proficiency serves as one data point, it does not directly reflect students' day-to-day classroom performance, which is measured through multiple indicators, including, but not limited to, student grades.

Report Overview

Monitoring Report 1.1 is divided into High/Middle School and Elementary School sections this year. This report compares PPS to Similar Districts, making the comparison more relevant for driving instructional practices.

Our curriculum alignment with State Standards is an ongoing process. Curriculum Committees, whether grade-level-based or subject area-based, meet throughout the year to address a wide variety of curricular issues, including alignment.

We use multiple assessments to track student mastery for reporting purposes in MR 1.1. Included below is a table of assessments included in this report.

	Topical Area of Assessment	Grade Assessed			Local, State, or National-based	Similar Districts Information Available
		Elementary School	Middle School	High School		
M-STEP Math / ELA	Math / ELA	3 – 5	6 – 7		State	Yes
PSAT 8/9	Evidence-based reading and writing (EBRW) / Math		8		National	Yes
SAT	EBRW / Math			11	National	Yes

The M-STEP Assessment (Grade 3-7)

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) launched the M-STEP in the spring of 2015. The M-STEP meets all of the requirements put into law by the legislature.

We currently use assessment data as our measures of student progress and our data is utilized by our MTSS teams, department teams, and grade teams to adjust curriculum and instruction. Internally, the M-STEP results are used for grades 3 through 7 for Math and ELA and grades 5 & 8 for Science and Social Studies.

We include M-STEP growth scores in MR 1.1 to show improvement over previous years. To identify our growth on the M-STEP assessment, we continue using the Student Growth Percentile (SGP) for our student groups and subgroups. Student Growth Percentiles are determined by first calculating growth between current and previous assessment scores, then comparing that to the growth of a statewide academic peer group.[1] The 50th percentile is defined as median growth for a year of instruction. We use the percentage of our students scoring 30th percentile or higher as determining adequate growth as referenced by the MDE in the MISchoolData Student Growth Report.

[1] https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Student_Growth_Percentiles_475671_7.pdf

Proficiency Narrative

Elementary School Measures

On the M-STEP in Spring of 2026, PPS 4th graders were 58.3% proficient in ELA and 55.4% proficient in Math. PPS 5th graders were 53.4% proficient in ELA and 40.9% proficient in Math. Figure 1 shows PPS proficiency compared to Similar Districts.

In Figure 2, you will find PPS percent proficient improvement as it compares to other similar districts. PPS 4th grade proficiency improvement in ELA has increased 1.57% compared to the average from the previous 3 years. Math has seen an increase of 6.06% in 4th grade. For 5th graders we saw a decrease of 3.69% in ELA and an increase of 1.57% in Math.

Student Growth Narrative

Elementary School M-STEP Measures

In ELA on the M-STEP, 82.6% of 4th graders and 71.8% of 5th graders at PPS are showing Average or Above Average growth, based on their Student Growth Percentile. In Math, 79.1% of 4th graders and 70.4% of 5th graders had an SGP of Average or Above Average (Figure 3).

Students who were considered low-achieving on the 4th grade M-STEP had an average SGP of 44.6 for ELA and 45.3 for Math. Fifth grade M-STEP students who were low-achieving had an average SGP of 38.6 for ELA and 42 for Math. Evidence of annual Academic Growth is interpreted by the percent of PPS students who have a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) in the "Average Growth" range (30th to 69th percentile) or the "Above Average Growth" range (70th to 99th percentile), as defined by MISchoolData Student Growth report. (Figure 4)

Elementary School Benchmark Measures

Throughout the year, we benchmark test students in Kindergarten through 5th grade three times: Beginning of the Year (BOY), Middle of the Year (MOY), and End of the Year (EOY). We utilize Acadience testing for reading and FastBridge for math. Figure 5 shows 2025-26 school-year scores for each screening period. This allows us to see the year long growth of our students. In reading, on Acadience, we see that PPS students K-5, started the year at 68% meeting benchmarks, 70% at the middle of the year, and 75% at the end of the year.

For FastBridge, Figure 6, PPS students K-5 at the BOY were 61% meeting benchmark, MOY grew to 63%, and EOY was 67%.

Elementary Big Win Summary

We have determined "Big Wins" to be areas in which a school's proficiency level improved by 5% from Spring 2025 to Spring 2026. PPS Elementary Schools had twelve "Big Wins. The twelve "Big Wins" include one 5th grade in Social Studies, one 3rd grade in ELA, one 3rd grade in math, three 4th grades in ELA, three 4th grades in math, and three 5th grades in math.

2026 M-STEP
Overall Percent Proficient
4th & 5th Grade - All Students

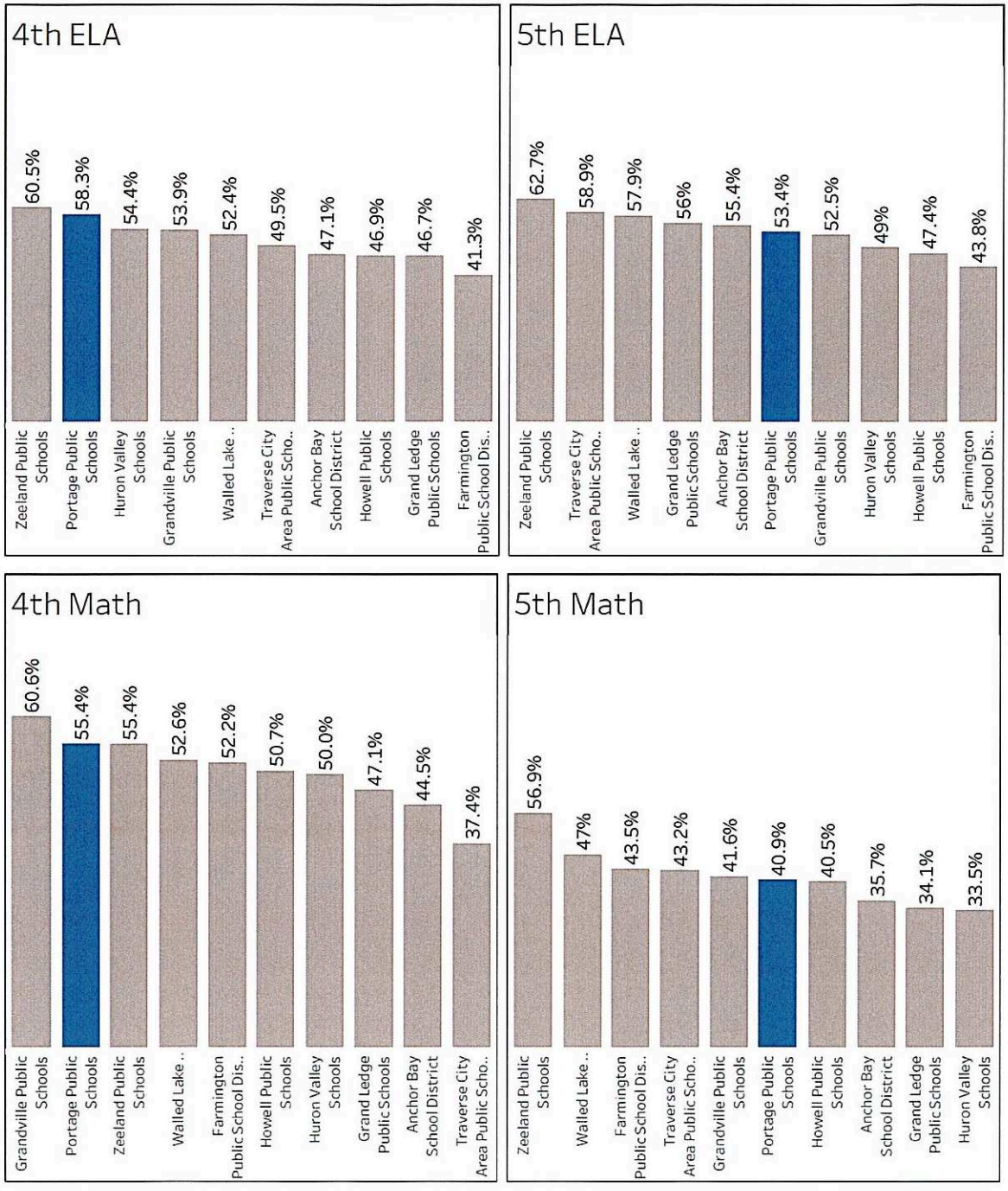

Figure 1

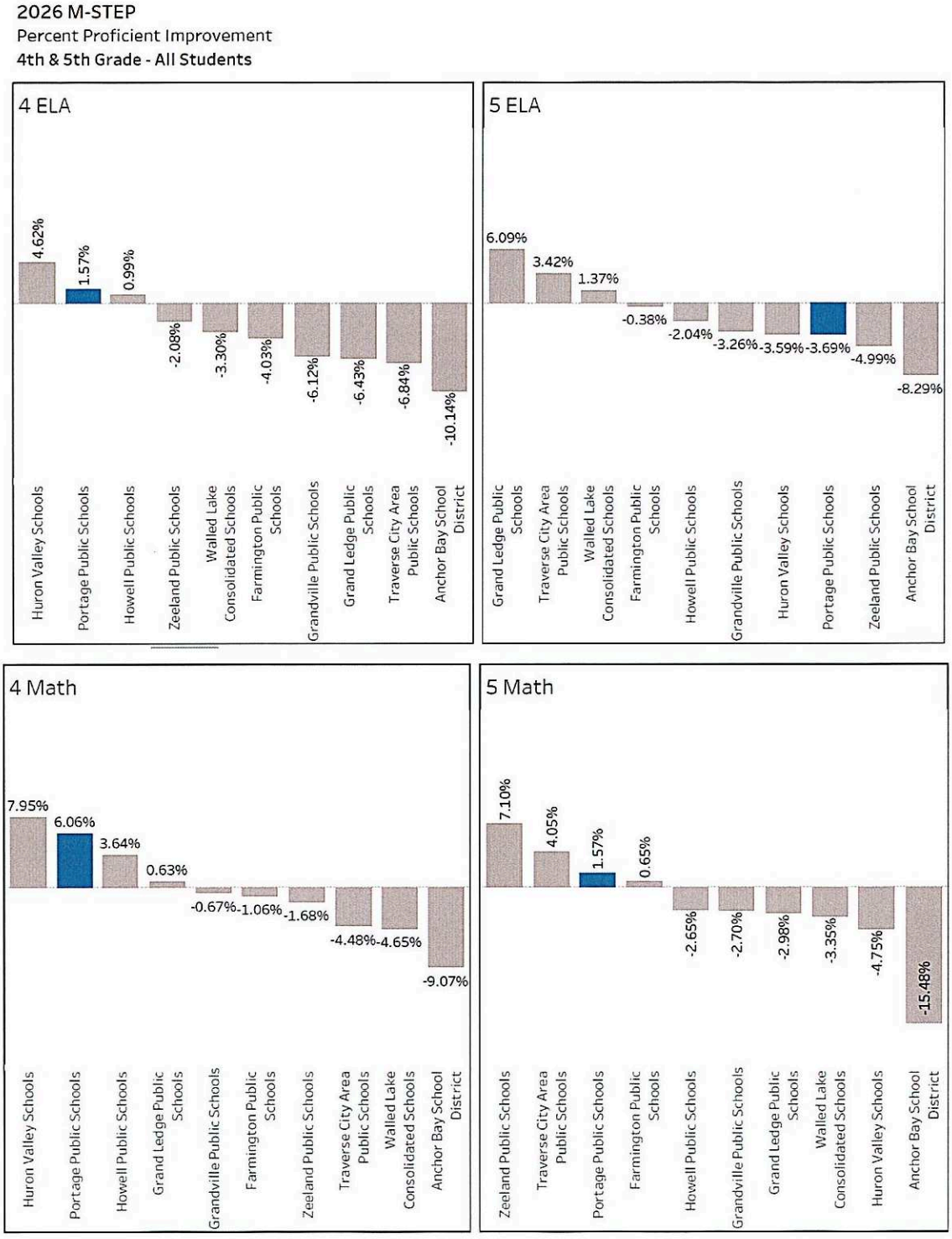
2026 M-STEP
Percent Proficient Improvement
4th & 5th Grade - All Students
4 ELA
4.62%
1.57%
0.99%
-2.08%
-3.30%
-4.03%
-6.12%
-6.43%
-6.84%
-10.14%
Huron Valley Schools
Portage Public Schools
Howell Public Schools
Zeeland Public Schools
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools
Farmington Public Schools
Grandville Public Schools
Grand Ledge Public Schools
Traverse City Area Public Schools
Anchor Bay School District
5 ELA
6.09%
3.42%
1.37%
-0.38%
-2.04%
-3.26%
-3.59%
-3.69%
-4.99%
-8.29%
Grand Ledge Public Schools
Traverse City Area Public Schools
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools
Farmington Public Schools
Howell Public Schools
Grandville Public Schools
Huron Valley Schools
Portage Public Schools
Zeeland Public Schools
Anchor Bay School District
4 Math
7.95%
6.06%
3.64%
0.63%
-0.67%
-1.06%
-1.68%
-4.48%
-4.65%
-9.07%
Huron Valley Schools
Portage Public Schools
Howell Public Schools
Grand Ledge Public Schools
Grandville Public Schools
Farmington Public Schools
Zeeland Public Schools
Traverse City Area Public Schools
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools
Anchor Bay School District
5 Math
7.10%
4.05%
1.57%
0.65%
-2.65%
-2.70%
-2.98%
-3.35%
-4.75%
-15.48%
Zeeland Public Schools
Traverse City Area Public Schools
Portage Public Schools
Farmington Public Schools
Howell Public Schools
Grandville Public Schools
Grand Ledge Public Schools
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools
Huron Valley Schools
Anchor Bay School District

Figure 2

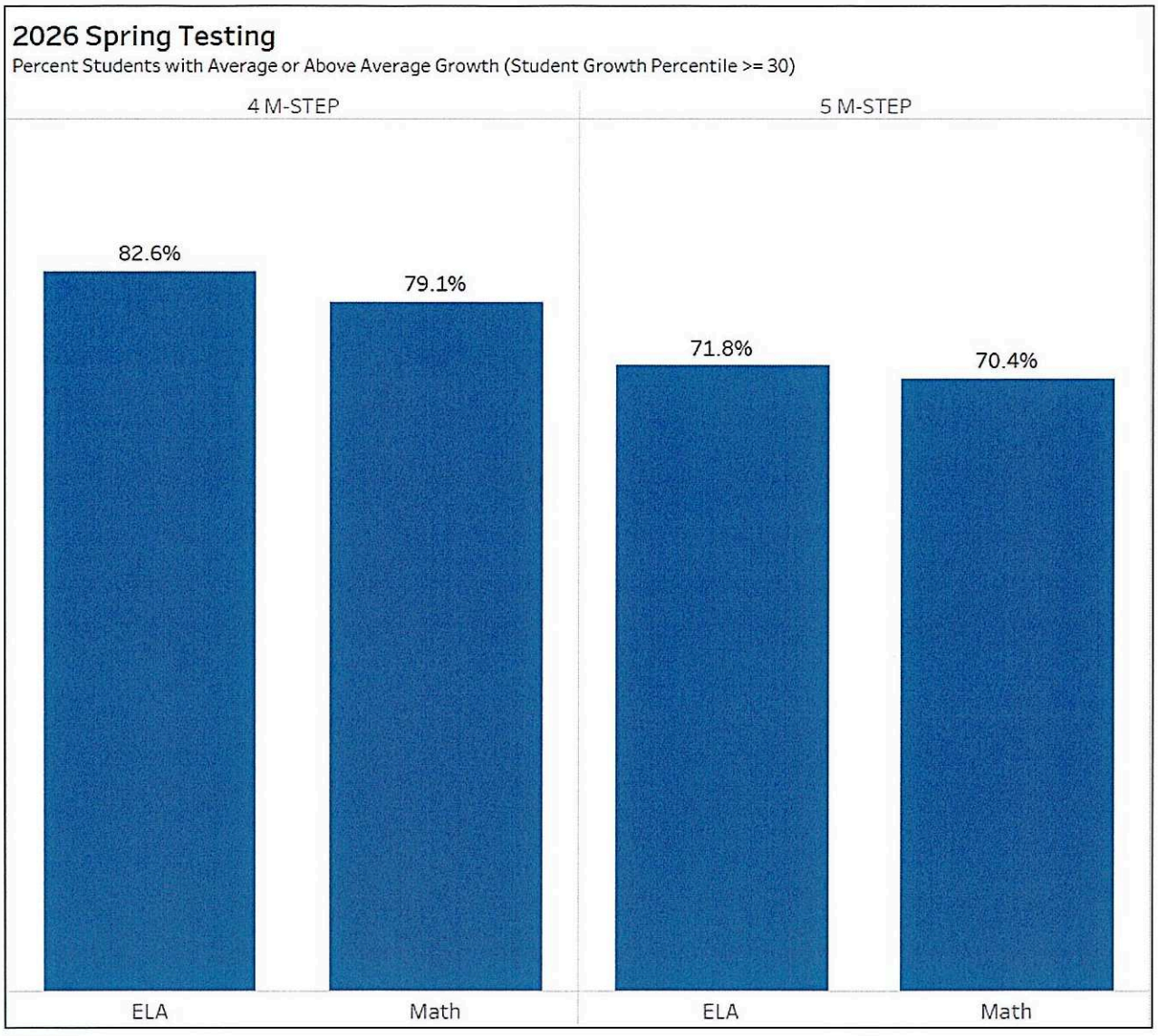
2026 Spring Testing
Percent Students with Average or Above Average Growth (Student Growth Percentile >= 30)
4 M-STEP
5 M-STEP
82.6%
79.1%
71.8%
70.4%
ELA
Math
ELA
Math

Figure 3

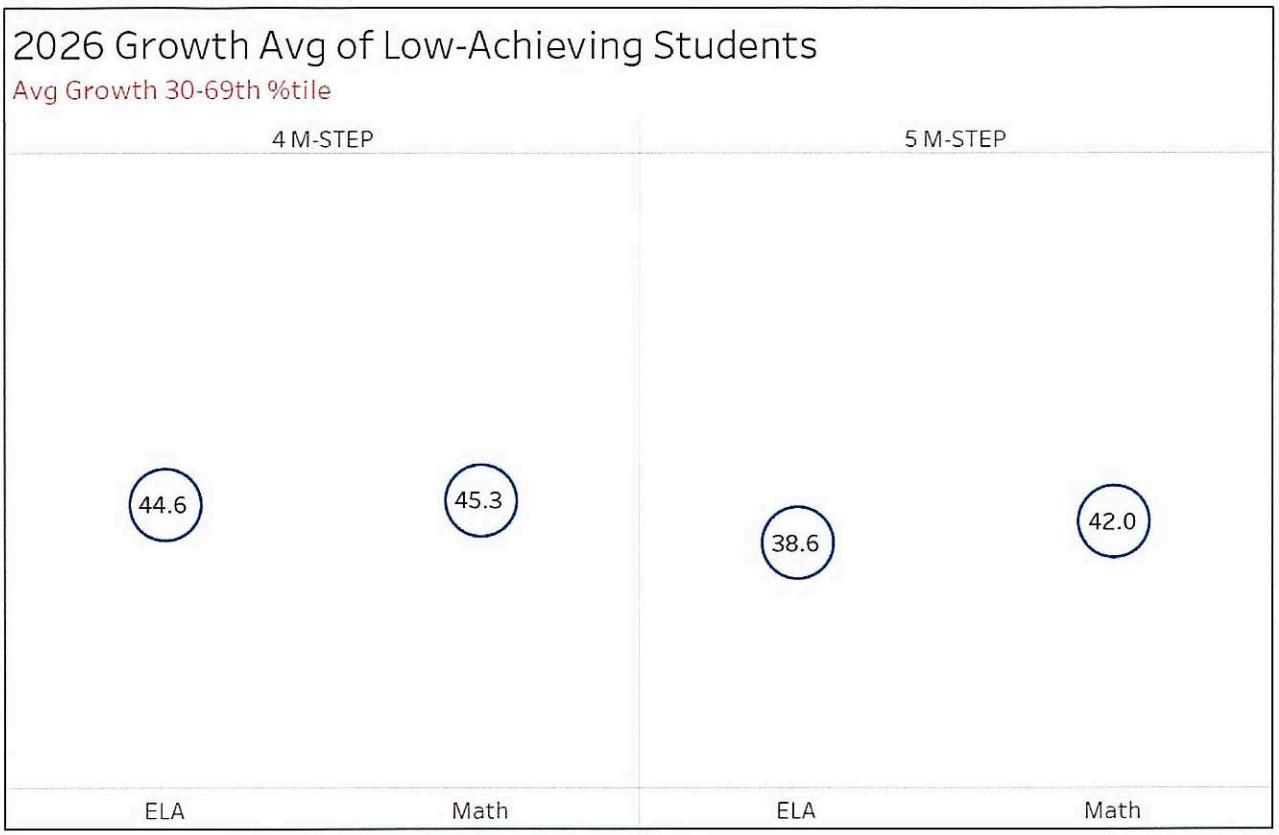
2026 Growth Avg of Low-Achieving Students
Avg Growth 30-69th %tile
4 M-STEP
5 M-STEP
44.6
45.3
38.6
42.0
ELA
Math
ELA
Math

Figure 4

Acadience Reading K-5

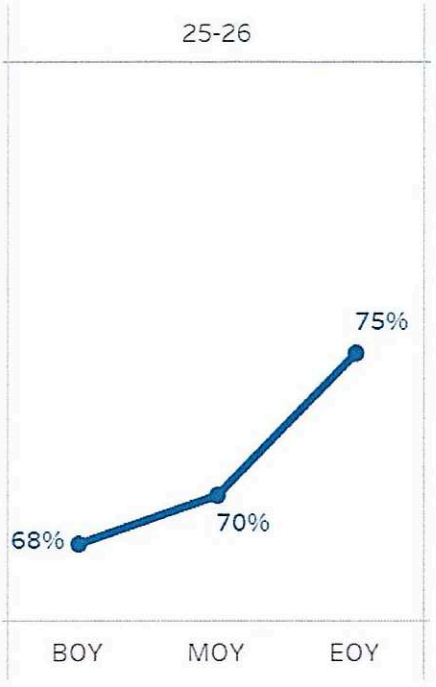

Figure 5

Fastbridge Math K-5

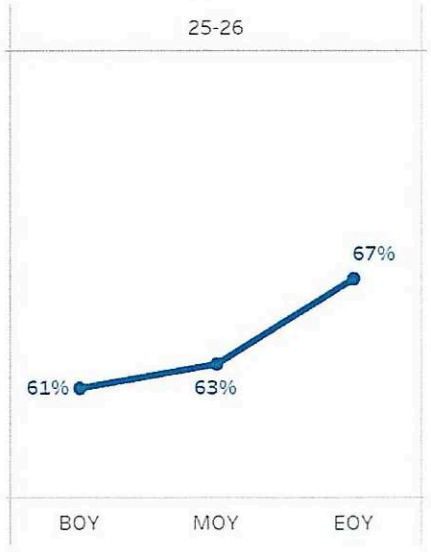

Figure 6

Similar Districts 2025-2026 Demographic Data

School District	# Students	% ED	% SE	% EL	% Blk/Afr ..	% Asian	% Hisp	% White
Anchor Bay School District	5302	26.7%	14.5%	2.0%	3.7%	0.9%	3.7%	86.2%
Farmington Public School District	9009	25.4%	15.3%	12.4%	27.8%	14.8%	4.9%	46.2%
Grand Ledge Public Schools	5490	30.0%	15.6%	2.3%	3.5%	4.2%	11.6%	72.1%
Grandville Public Schools	5487	29.3%	12.9%	6.2%	5.2%	2.8%	18.1%	65.2%
Howell Public Schools	6994	26.5%	14.4%	1.5%	0.4%	0.6%	5.3%	90.3%
Huron Valley Schools	7447	28.7%	17.4%	3.6%	1.7%	1.9%	6.8%	85.3%
Portage Public Schools	8428	26.4%	10.7%	4.4%	8.0%	7.2%	7.9%	66.5%
Traverse City Area Public Schools	8616	33.5%	14.5%	3.1%	2.7%	2.2%	3.7%	88.5%
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	11837	29.2%	17.1%	10.0%	9.9%	7.7%	8.0%	68.9%
Zeeland Public Schools	5637	22.1%	12.1%	4.3%	1.3%	3.1%	18.2%	72.1%

Figure 7

Appendix B

Portage Public Schools
Board of Education

Monitoring Report Evaluation Form

Policy: _____

Is the Superintendent's interpretation reasonable? Yes □ No □
Comments:

For Ends Policies (results inherently long-term):
Is evidence of achievement reasonable, or where appropriate, is evidence of progress toward achievement reasonable? Yes □ No □
Comments:

For Executive Limitation Policies (boundaries within which the Superintendent must operate):
Is evidence of compliance reasonable? Yes □ No □
Comments:

Comments Regarding Further Policy Development

1. Do you have a concern that is not addressed in this policy?

2. What policy language would address your concern?

Evaluation submitted to Board President By: _____

Adopted: 9/22/08
Revised: 5/25/09, 3/22/10, 2/26/18, 11/20/23, 11/9/26

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V. Comments or Communications

1. By Citizens

2. By Board Trustees

3. Board Committee Reports

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VI. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. November 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole Work Session

2. Policy Updates

   That the Board of Education approve, as presented, the policy revisions to Policies: 0100, 0154, 1064.1, 0164.2, 0164.3, 0165.1, 0165.2, 0165.3, 0165.4, 0165.5, 0165.6, 2370.02 (new policy), 2623, 3310, 4310, 5330, 5330.01, 5830, 6621, 6700, 8320, 8321, 8420, 9211, and 9215.

PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 9, 2026

The Committee of the Whole Work Session of the Board of Education of Portage Public Schools held on Monday, November 9, 2026, was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Van Antwerp. The meeting was held in Room #1136 of Portage Central High School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Trustees Present: Emily Crawford, Kimberly Larson, Terri Novaria, Mary Lou Rohwer, Bo Snyder, Mark Stevenson, Randy Van Antwerp

Board Trustees Absent: None

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion offered by Dr. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. Crawford, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as printed.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

2025-26 Audit Presentation

Ms. Paula Johnson, Director of Finance, provided introductory remarks. Mr. Kim Lindsay, from Rehmann, the District's external auditor, shared highlights from the audit conducted for the 2025-26 school year. He reported that the District received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, the highest level of assurance, with no findings or reportable conditions. In addition, the auditor reviewed assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, expenses and General Fund revenue sources and expenditures. He praised Paula Johnson and her team for their work.

President Van Antwerp thanked Mr. Lindsay for the report and Ms. Johnson and her staff for their work.

Bond Project Update

Mr. Russ Gerbers, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, shared photos of construction progress at the Woodland Elementary and Amberly Elementary sites.

Mr. Gerbers invited everyone to the December 1, 2026 6:00 p.m. Community Gallery Walk at Angling Road Elementary.

For the Moorsbridge Elementary project, last week we met with ESI and specials staff relative to the design for the building. We received positive feedback. This week we will meet with all

Moorsbridge staff for the same purpose. In addition, last Thursday we announced that we will be keeping all fifth graders together in the same building for the 2027-28 school year.

A Community Gallery Walk at Moorsbridge is planned for January 7, 2027 at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

BOARD EDUCATION

Presentation on MR 1.1 (HS & MS)

Dr. Michael Pascoe, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, presented on Monitoring Report 1.1 with a focus on secondary academic performance. The report covered percent proficient data, percent proficient improvement, growth and "Big Wins."

Dr. Pascoe received feedback from the Board and addressed questions from Trustees.

COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

President Van Antwerp opened the floor to public comments. Board Secretary Novaria read aloud the guidelines for public comment.

President Van Antwerp stated that Board members will listen to the public comment and consider the remarks; however, the Board is not obligated to respond to speakers individually.

President Van Antwerp announced that the Board of Education has received an appeal from Dagne Fox for the response she has received to date to a Freedom of Information Act request. The Board will review the appeal and decide on a path forward at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting on November 23, 2026.

Upon concluding his remarks, President Van Antwerp welcomed comments from the public.

Kat Frink shared highlights of happenings across the District.

The following addressed the Board regarding renovations at Moorsbridge Elementary: Maura Salemka and Keilah Zausner.

Adam Cortright addressed the Board regarding AHERA and asbestos concerns.

Dagne Fox addressed the Board regarding operational concerns.

President Van Antwerp thanked the public commenters for their remarks.

Mrs. Novaria recognized the contributions of former PPS teacher Jim Menchinger, who recently passed away. She also highlighted positive district happenings, including school performances and the Truck or Treat event at Angling Road Elementary.

Ms. Larson commented on the challenges of navigating public concerns while fulfilling her responsibilities as a board member.

President Van Antwerp thanked board members for their remarks.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Van Antwerp presented the following Consent Agenda item for approval by the Board of Education: meeting minutes from the October 26, 2026 Policy Governance Retreat and Regular Business Meeting.

As there were no objections, the consent agenda was adopted as presented.

ASSURANCE OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

Monitoring Report 2.2, Treatment of Staff

Superintendent Edwards highlighted key points from the report.

Motion offered by Mrs. Rohwer, seconded by Mrs. Novaria, that the Board of Education accept as presented, the Monitoring Report on 2.2, Treatment of Staff, as a reasonable interpretation and evidence of compliance with policy.

The motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Report 2.3, Compensation and Benefits

Superintendent Edwards reviewed the report, noting specific highlights.

Motion offered by Dr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Larson, that the Board of Education accept Monitoring Report 2.3 Compensation and Benefits, as a reasonable interpretation and evidence of compliance with policy.

The motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Report 2.5, Financial Condition/Activities (External Audit Action)

The external audit report was presented earlier in the meeting under the Superintendent's Report portion of the agenda. The Board took action on that report.

Motion offered by Mrs. Novaria, seconded by Ms. Larson, that the Board of Education accept the 2025/26 Financial Report and Management Letter, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Governance Policy Revisions

Per Board President Van Antwerp, the proposed changes reflect the consensus reached during Board discussion at the Policy Governance Retreats, as well as the Policy Committee's review.

Motion offered by Mrs. Rohwer, seconded by Dr. Stevenson, that the Board of Education approve the revisions, as presented, to Ends 1.0, Executive Limitations 2.5 – Financial Condition and Activities, Board/Superintendent Connection Policy 4.4 – Monitoring Superintendent Performance, and to the Monitoring Report Evaluation Form.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy Updates

Per Superintendent Edwards, this batch of proposed policy revisions reflects NEOLA's fall update, along with one additional policy change initiated by the District. All policies have been vetted by NEOLA attorneys, reviewed by PPS Executive Leadership and are recommended for adoption.

Summer Tax Resolution

Per Ms. Paula Johnson, this is an annual action item for the Board, which facilitates the approval of a summer property tax levy.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Atkinson
Recording Secretary

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To: Board of Education

From: Johnny Edwards

Date: November 4, 2026

Re: Policy Updates

CC: Executive Team; Principals and Assistant Principals

Johnny Edwards
Superintendent
Phone: 269.323.5182
jedwards@portageps.org

The proposed operational policies included in this update have been reviewed by NEOLA's legal counsel to ensure compliance with applicable statutes and further examined by the appropriate district-level administrators. Board President Van Antwerp has reviewed the policies impacting board meetings (0154 and 0164.1 – 0165.6).

The policies are recommended for adoption by the Board to ensure that they remain accurate and current and, where applicable, comply with statutory requirements.

POLICY UPDATES

Policy 0100 – Definitions (Revised)
The policy has been revised to include the new term School Support Organizations (SSOs).

Policy 0154 – Organizational Meeting Actions (Revision)
The policy has been revised to edit the title and to add an item required by law – election of board officers.

Policy 0164.1 Meetings (Revised)
This policy has been revised by including updated content from eight related policies (listed below), each of which is recommended for rescission. This consolidation is intended to establish a single, comprehensive policy governing the applicable statutory requirements.

Rescind
Policy 0164.2 - Special Meetings
Policy 0164.3 - Emergency Meetings
Policy 0165.1 - Regular Meetings
Policy 0165.2 - Change of Regular Meetings
Policy 0165.3 - Special Meetings
Policy 0165.4 - Emergency Meetings
Policy 0165.5 – Recess
Policy 0165.6 – Cancellation

Policy 2370.02 – Virtual Instruction Days (New)
This new policy is in alignment with M.C.L. 388.1621f. It allows the school district to use up to six (6) flexible virtual instruction days per year—split evenly between mandated testing disruptions and emergency closures—without reducing required annual instructional time. To deploy these days, the Superintendent must secure formal local board approval and provide advance notice to parents and

students via standard school channels or emergency notification systems. All remote learning must meet state quality standards by using certified teachers-of-record, providing necessary technology and internet access, and upholding IEP and 504 accommodations for special education students.

Policy 2623 – Student Assessment (Revised)
Policy 2623 establishes the official framework for measuring student growth and identifying learning needs through required state and district assessment programs. It ensures school accountability, legal compliance with State Board of Education rules, and ethical standards in testing while keeping parents informed of student progress.

This revision aligns with Revised School Code (M.C.L. 380.1279g), effective July 1, 2026, which officially eliminated the mandatory SAT Essay requirement from the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). Striking "with essay" aligns board policy directly with updated statutory MME components.

Policies 3310 / 4310 – Freedom of Speech in Non-Official Duty Settings (Revised)
These policies establish clear boundaries to protect employees' First Amendment rights while safeguarding the school district from potential operational disruptions. It clarifies that staff members speak as private citizens—not on behalf of the district—when expressing personal views outside their official duties.

These policy revisions establish clear boundaries when expressing personal views outside their official duties. By outlining expectations against disruptive, threatening, or privacy-invading speech across all platforms, including social media, the language protects the district from legal liability while safeguarding employees' First Amendment and statutory rights through fair, neutral, case-by-case enforcement.

Policy 5330 - Use of Medications (Revised)
This policy ensures student health and safety by establishing clear protocols for administering both prescribed and over-the-counter medications at school.

Policy 5330.01 Epinephrine Delivery Systems (Revised)
This policy ensures schools are legally compliant and prepared to quickly handle life-threatening allergic reactions by allowing trained staff to administer emergency epinephrine, regardless of whether a student has a pre-existing prescription on file. Updating the language to "epinephrine delivery systems" broadens protection beyond standard auto-injectors (like Epi-Pens) to include newer FDA-approved methods such as nasal sprays and inhalers.

The policy revisions align with Michigan statutory updates which transitioned the terminology from narrower "epinephrine auto-injectors" (Epi-Pens) to the comprehensive term "epinephrine delivery systems". This encompasses newly FDA-approved administration methods such as epinephrine nasal sprays and inhalers alongside traditional auto-injectors.

Policy 5830 – Student Fundraising (Revised)
This policy governs student fundraising activities within the school district. It ensures that fundraising is conducted in a controlled, ethical, and educationally appropriate manner. Fundraising must be for school-related purposes, approved, and comply with Federal dietary and financial regulations.

This policy protects students from coercion, ensures transparency and accountability in fund management, aligns fundraising with educational goals, and ensures compliance with legal and health standards. It also maintains the integrity of the school environment and prevents misuse of school resources.

Policy 6621 – Change Fund (Revised)
This is a District-driven revision. The addition of "or designee" allows for the fund to be placed in the care of the either the building administrator or their designee. This change provides flexibility in the event the building administrator is unavailable or assigns responsibility of the fund to another authorized individual. The change supports continuity in management and safekeeping of the fund while maintaining accountability for its oversight.

Policy 6700 – Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (Revised)
This policy assists school districts compliance with federal wage and overtime laws, protecting non-exempt employees' right to fair compensation and mandatory lactation accommodations. It also establishes clear guidelines for salary deductions and overtime pre-approval to protect the district from costly labor disputes and regulatory penalties.

Under recent Michigan legislation (Public Act 130 of 2024, which amended M.C.L. 37.232), the state expanded public and institutional protections to explicitly cover the expression of human milk (pumping), not just direct breastfeeding. The revisions also incorporate best-practice options for districts to consider.

Policy 8320 – Personnel Files (Revised)
This policy assists districts regarding compliance with Michigan law by establishing secure, structured procedures for managing official employee records, medical files, and unprofessional conduct disclosures under M.C.L. 380.1230b. It balances staff privacy and statutory inspection rights while protecting the district from legal liability through mandatory retention schedules and strict confidentiality protocols.

This revision establishes clear timelines for responding to record requests and outlines the district's legal duty to document, retain, and disclose records of employee unprofessional conduct. Additionally, it mandates checking an applicant's previous employers for past unprofessional conduct during the hiring process.

Policy 8321 – Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency) (Revised)
Policy 8321 is important because it establishes strict security, access, and confidentiality standards for

handling criminal history record information obtained through state and federal background checks. Adhering to these requirements ensures school district compliance with Michigan State Police and FBI regulations while safeguarding sensitive employee and applicant data from unauthorized exposure.

Based on feedback from the Michigan Police Association, we have revised the policy to reflect future audit preparations.

Policy 8420 – Emergency Situations at School (Revised)
This policy is important because it establishes clear, standardized emergency requirements so students and staff can react quickly and safely during a crisis like a fire, severe weather, or security threat. It also provides direction so that schools stay prepared and accountable by requiring regular safety drills and public posting of their completion results.

The revisions include the requirement that all schools use consistent terms and definitions for emergency responses. These terms include: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. Aligning these terms across all training, drills, and official plans builds clear expectations and legal compliance, allowing for a faster, more coordinated response when safety is at risk.

The Cardiac Emergency Response Plan section has also been revised to provide statutory alignment.

Policy 9211 – School Support Organizations (Rescinded)
This policy is rescinded and renumbered to replacement Policy 9215 for better alignment with the numbering used by all states in the NEOLA network.

Policy 9215 – School Support Organizations (SSOs) (Renumbered / Replacement)
This policy establishes the standards, responsibilities, and oversight for school support organizations (SSOs)—such as PTAs, PTOs, Booster Clubs, and educational foundations—that raise funds or donate resources to support District schools and activities. The policy defines what constitutes an SSO, outlines approval and documentation requirements, and ensures transparency and accountability in financial activities. The policy protects the District's integrity, financial transparency, and legal compliance while supporting valuable community involvement. It ensures SSOs operate independently yet responsibly, aligning their goals with those of the District without creating liability for the school system. It also ensures donations and fundraising are managed ethically, helping to maximize benefits to students while safeguarding public trust.

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VIII. Required Action Items

1. Summer Tax Resolution (EL 2.4)

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution that authorizes Portage Public Schools to continue its summer tax collections in 2027, as presented.

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TO: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent

FROM: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance

DATE: November 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Summer Tax Collection Resolution

Recommendation

That the Board of Education approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution that authorizes the Portage Public Schools to continue our summer tax collections in 2027.

Background Information

Attached is a resolution regarding the authorization of summer tax collections, which was prepared by Thrun Law Firm. This resolution is similar to the resolution that has historically been approved by the Board each year. It facilitates the approval of a summer property tax levy.

The Board is still required to notify all taxing jurisdictions by December 31, 2026 of our intent to levy summer taxes. In previous years, we have limited our summer collection to the City of Portage due to the collection costs that the other tax units have proposed. In conjunction with the other Districts in Kalamazoo County who levy taxes in the City of Kalamazoo, we continue to analyze the possibility of collecting summer taxes with them as they have updated their charter with regard to tax collections.

As almost 95% of our operating tax collections come from the City of Portage, the summer tax collection allows the District to continue operating without state aid collections in the month of September. Without the summer tax collection, the District would need to borrow operating funds for cash flow purposes.

I would be happy to answer any questions that you or Board members may have on this resolution.

Attachment

Annual Summer Tax Resolution

Portage Public Schools, County of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan (the "District")

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the "Board") was held in Portage Central High School, 8135 S. Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002, within the boundaries of the District, on the 23rd day of November, 2026 at 6:30 o'clock in the p.m. (the "Meeting").

The Meeting was called to order by _____, President.

Present: Members _____
Absent: Members _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District within the City of Portage, and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pursuant to the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et seq., the Board invokes for 2027 its previously-adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy, with respect to the City of Portage, of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District within the City of Portage, and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board, and requests that the City of Portage collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or a designee thereof, is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of the City of Portage a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that the City of Portage agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2027 in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the City of Portage's governing body on or before December 31, 2026.

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Revised School Code Section 1613(1), the Superintendent or designee, is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of the City of Portage for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city may bill under Revised School Code Sections 1611 or 1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members _____
Nays: Members _____

Resolution declared _____.

THRUN LAW FIRM, P.C.

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IX. Action Items

1. Set Superintendent Midyear Progress Report (GP 3.12, MCL 380.1249b)

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X. Discussion Items

1. Purchase of Interactive Flat Panels for MBE-LCE-TWL (OP 6320)

Should the Board opt to move this item to discussion, the following recommendations are offered.

Recommendation – Move to Action

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education move the Purchase of Smart Boards discussion item to action.

Recommendation

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 24 Smart RX Interactive Flat Panels from Forte, Inc, in the amount of $138,402. The funds for these Interactive Flat Panels will come from the 2025 bond fund (the third series from the 2021 vote).

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To: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent

From: Ryan Miller, Director of Information and Technology

CC: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance

Date: November 23, 2026

Re: Interactive Flat Panels - Supplemental for LCE, TWL & Early Adopters for AMB, MBE

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 24 Smart RX Interactive Flat Panels from Forte, Inc. in the amount of $138,402. The funds for these Interactive Flat Panels will come from the 2025 bond fund (the third series from the 2021 vote).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Interactive flat panels (IFPs) are the ideal technology solution for classrooms and common areas in our elementary schools. They provide a future-ready instructional tool that enhances collaboration, supports differentiated instruction, and integrates seamlessly with our current educational technology platforms. IFPs deliver clear, vibrant visuals in any lighting condition and require minimal upkeep. Compared to standard TVs, IFPs offer touch interactivity, integrated educational software, and greater classroom utility beyond passive viewing.

We would like to order the IFPs now to help the Amberly and Moorsbridge staff learn how to use them, and ensure a more seamless adoption as they work toward preparing for their new / renovated buildings. We've used this early adopter approach successfully with Lake Center, 12th Street, and Woodland Elementaries, and will place a larger order in the future for Amberly and Moorsbridge to outfit the remaining classrooms with SmartBoards, so that they are prepared when they move into their new / renovated buildings. The supplemental orders for Lake Center and 12th Street are intended to outfit remaining classrooms and meeting spaces that are used frequently, but do not necessarily have a teacher permanently assigned to those spaces.

School / Order Purpose	# of IFPs & Carts	Cost
Amberly Elementary / Early Adopters*	7	$40,768
Lake Center Elementary / Supplemental	4	$22,796
Moorsbridge Elementary / Early Adopters	9	$52,042
12th Street Elementary / Supplemental	4	$22,796
Total	**24**	**$138,402**

**Amberly is only receiving 7 boards because they already have 2 in use by early adopters.*

BIDDING PROCESS

These items were selected through the REMC Bid Save process, and therefore, did not require the formal bidding process. I have enclosed the device quote and additional resources for your convenience and consideration. If the Board of Education is comfortable, it would be appreciated if this recommendation could be approved at the November 23, 2026 Board meeting. I would be happy to answer any questions that the Board may have on this purchase.

Quote

Reference Number: 1498296
Date: November 13, 2026

Portage Public Schools - **Amberly ES** - 75" & 86" SMART RX
REMC QUOTE

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PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SUMMARY

Equipment	$40,768.00
Integration	$0.00
PRO Support	$0.00
Shipping & Handling	$0.00
Tax	$0.00
Grand Total	$40,768.00

Unless otherwise specified. The prices quoted reflect a discount for a cash payment (i.e., check, wire transfer) made by Customer in full within the time stated for payment on each invoice. Discount only applies to new items included on the invoice, and only applies if the balance on the invoice is paid in full.

All returned equipment is subject to a restocking charge. The prices are valid for 15 days and may be locked in by signing this Retail Sales Agreement.

Overdue balances are subject to a finance charge of 1.5% per month, or interest at the highest rate permitted by applicable law. In the event FORTÉ must pursue collection of unpaid invoices, Customer agrees to pay all of FORTÉ's costs of collection, including its attorneys' fees.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DETAIL

Model #	Mfg	Description	Qty	Price	Extended
FSE-510-W	SMART	SMART Electric Height Adjustable Floor Stand, FSE-510-W, UL Listed, White	7	$1,149.00	$8,043.00
ED-SW-5	SMART	SMART Learning Suite, 5 year subscription	7	$150.00	$1,050.00
		SMART Board RX275 Interactive Display bundle			
RX275	SMART	SMART Board RX075 series interactive display with iQ	6	$4,035.00	$24,210.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	6	$29.00	$174.00
EOW4-SBID-75-7Y	SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 75" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	6	$274.00	$1,644.00
		SMART Board RX286 Interactive Display bundle			
RX286	SMART	SMART Board RX086 series interactive display with iQ	1	$5,289.00	$5,289.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	1	$29.00	$29.00

EOW4-SBID-86-7Y SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 86" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	1	$329.00	$329.00
	Total:			**$40,768.00**

Quote

Reference Number: 1498308
Date: November 13, 2026

Portage Public Schools - **Lake Center ES** - 65" & 86" SMART RX
REMC QUOTE

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PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SUMMARY

Equipment	$22,796.00
Integration	$0.00
PRO Support	$0.00
Shipping & Handling	$0.00
Tax	$0.00
Grand Total	$22,796.00

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PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DETAIL

Model #	Mfg	Description	Qty	Price	Extended
FSE-510-W	SMART	SMART Electric Height Adjustable Floor Stand, FSE-510-W, UL Listed, White	4	$1,149.00	$4,596.00
ED-SW-5	SMART	SMART Learning Suite, 5 year subscription	4	$150.00	$600.00
		SMART Board RX265 Interactive Display bundle			
RX265	SMART	SMART Board RX065 series interactive display with iQ	2	$2,865.00	$5,730.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	2	$29.00	$58.00
EOW4-SBID-65-7Y	SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 65" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	2	$259.00	$518.00
		SMART Board RX286 Interactive Display bundle			
RX286	SMART	SMART Board RX086 series interactive display with iQ	2	$5,289.00	$10,578.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	2	$29.00	$58.00

EOW4-SBID-86-7Y SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 86" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	2	$329.00	$658.00

Total: **$22,796.00**

Quote

Reference Number: 1498319
Date: November 13, 2026

Portage Public Schools - **Moorsbridge ES** - 75" + 86" SMART RX
REMC QUOTE

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PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SUMMARY

Equipment	$52,042.00
Integration	$0.00
PRO Support	$0.00
Shipping & Handling	$0.00
Tax	$0.00
Grand Total	$52,042.00

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All returned equipment is subject to a restocking charge. The prices are valid for 15 days and may be locked in by signing this Retail Sales Agreement.

Overdue balances are subject to a finance charge of 1.5% per month, or interest at the highest rate permitted by applicable law. In the event FORTÉ must pursue collection of unpaid invoices, Customer agrees to pay all of FORTÉ's costs of collection, including its attorneys' fees.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DETAIL

Model #	Mfg	Description	Qty	Price	Extended
FSE-510-W	SMART	SMART Electric Height Adjustable Floor Stand, FSE-510-W, UL Listed, White	9	$1,149.00	$10,341.00
ED-SW-5	SMART	SMART Learning Suite, 5 year subscription	9	$150.00	$1,350.00
		SMART Board RX275 Interactive Display bundle			
RX275	SMART	SMART Board RX075 series interactive display with iQ	8	$4,035.00	$32,280.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	8	$29.00	$232.00
EOW4-SBID-75-7Y	SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 75" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	8	$274.00	$2,192.00
		SMART Board RX286 Interactive Display bundle			
RX286	SMART	SMART Board RX086 series interactive display with iQ	1	$5,289.00	$5,289.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	1	$29.00	$29.00

EOW4-SBID-86-7Y SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 86" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	1	$329.00	$329.00
	Total:			**$52,042.00**

Quote

Reference Number: 1498321
Date: November 13, 2026

Portage Public Schools - **12th Street ES** - 65" & 86" SMART RX
REMC QUOTE

Prepared By: Ben Kevern
Phone:
Email: ben.kevern@ourforte.com

FORTÉ
48679 Alpha Drive, Suite 140, Wixom, MI 48393
Phone: (469)359-4081
Fax: (248)957-6151

COMPANY	PROJECT SITE	INVOICE TO
Portage Public Schools 8107 Mustang Drive Portage, MI 49002 Contact: Ryan Miller Phone: (269) 323-5100 Email: rlmiller@portageps.org Account Number: PPS0014	Portage Public Schools 8107 Mustang Drive Portage, MI 49002 Contact: Ryan Miller Phone: (269) 323-5100 Email: rlmiller@portageps.org Account Number: PPS0014	Portage Public Schools 8107 Mustang Drive Portage, MI 49002 Contact: Ryan Miller Phone: (269) 323-5100 Email: rlmiller@portageps.org Account Number: PPS0014

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SUMMARY

Equipment	$22,796.00
Integration	$0.00
PRO Support	$0.00
Shipping & Handling	$0.00
Tax	$0.00
Grand Total	$22,796.00

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PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DETAIL

Model #	Mfg	Description	Qty	Price	Extended
FSE-510-W	SMART	SMART Electric Height Adjustable Floor Stand, FSE-510-W, UL Listed, White	4	$1,149.00	$4,596.00
ED-SW-5	SMART	SMART Learning Suite, 5 year subscription	4	$150.00	$600.00
		SMART Board RX265 Interactive Display bundle			
RX265	SMART	SMART Board RX065 series interactive display with iQ	2	$2,865.00	$5,730.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	2	$29.00	$58.00
EOW4-SBID-65-7Y	SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 65" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	2	$259.00	$518.00
		SMART Board RX286 Interactive Display bundle			
RX286	SMART	SMART Board RX086 series interactive display with iQ	2	$5,289.00	$10,578.00
SRM-5	SMART	SMART Remote Management - 5 year subscription	2	$29.00	$58.00

EOW4-SBID-86-7Y SMART	4 Year Assure warranty extension with RM for SMART Board 86" interactive display - Years 4 to 7	2	$329.00	$658.00

Total: **$22,796.00**

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2. Lightspeed Mics for New WOD (OP 6320)

PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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To: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent

From: Ryan Miller, Director of Information and Technology

CC: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance

Date: November 23, 2026

Re: Lightspeed Mics & Media Links for WOD

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Lightspeed Instructional Audio Systems for Woodland Elementary from Lightspeed Technologies in the amount of $70,649. The funds for these devices will come from the 2025 bond fund (the third series from the 2021 vote).

School	# of Lightspeed Systems	Cost
Woodland Elementary	31	$73,749
Recycling Discount	$100 / per device * 31 devices	-$3,100
	Total	**$70,649**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Learning Studios and Commons Areas at the new Woodland Elementary will be equipped with Lightspeed Instructional Audio systems - which include teacher microphones that feature voice amplification, internal calling features, and emergency alerting capabilities. These have been installed in Central Elementary, Haverhill Elementary, 12th Street Elementary, and Lake Center Elementary. They've proven to be reliable and have met our educational needs in each building.

The attached quote shows the price for the total number of these systems, and also reflects credits for the harvesting and return of our current Lightspeed Microphones.

BIDDING PROCESS

These items were selected through the REMC Bid Save process, therefore did not require the formal bidding process. I would be happy to answer any questions that the Board may have on this purchase.

QUOTATION

Lightspeed Technologies, Inc.
11509 SW Herman Road
Tualatin OR 97062
1-800-732-8999
Fax: 503-684-3197
orders@lightspeed-tek.com
www.lightspeed-tek.com

Quote # Q-82592
Date: 11/3/2026
Expires: 2/1/2027
Payment Terms: Net 30
Shipping Method: Best Way
Account Executive: Todd Tobin

BILL TO:
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
8107 MUSTANG DR
PORTAGE, MI 49002-5433
UNITED STATES

SHIP TO:
PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
8107 MUSTANG DR
PORTAGE, MI 49002-5577
UNITED STATES

ITEM	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
C25-C-M	262121	Networked Instructional Audio system with web console software, power supply, 1 Clearmike microphone with battery pack, Media Connector, and NO speakers.	31	$2,379.00	$73,749.00
TRADE-IN CREDIT	242207	QUALIFIED TRADE-IN CREDIT	31	$-100.00	$-3,100.00
				SUBTOTAL:	$70,649.00
				SALES TAX:	$0.00
				SHIPPING & HANDLING:	$0.00
				TOTAL DUE:	$70,649.00

The qualified trade-in system(s) are to be sent to Lightspeed Technologies or given to a Lightspeed Territory Manager. Credit will be applied once the trade-in(s) are received by Lightspeed or its representative and have been verified for eligibility.
Warranty on Lightspeed instructional audio systems have a 5-year limited warranty on primary components including amplifier, charging station, speakers and microphones. Warranty on microphones and components that support discontinued systems including SMA, FMA, FMCA is 1-year. Warranty on Lightspeed NiMH and Li-Ion rechargeable batteries is 1 year.
Bid REMC #2026 pricing was quoted. Please note: shipping and handling charges are included with bid pricing.

Thank you for choosing Lightspeed Technologies!

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3. WOD Playground Upgrade (OP 6320)

Should the Board opt to move this item to discussion, the following recommendations are offered.

Recommendation – Move to Action

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education move the WOD Playground Upgrade discussion item to action.

Recommendation

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education authorize Owen-Ames-Kimbell Co. to issue a change order to add additional Playground Equipment and Poured In Place to Woodland Elementary in the amount of $292,590, the funding for which will come from the 2026 bond fund (the fourth series from the 2021 vote).

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To: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent

From: Russ Gerbers, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Cc: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance

Date: Nov 18, 2026

Re: Woodland Elementary Playground Upgrade

Recommendation

I move that Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. be authorized to issue a change order to add additional Playground Equipment and Poured In Place to Woodland Elementary in the amount of $292,590. The funding for which will come from the 2026 bond fund (the fourth series from the 2021 vote).

Woodland Elementary	
Poured-IN Place	$241,386.20
Playground Equipment	$51,563.80
Total	$292,950.00

Background Information

The District previously approved and completed poured-in-place rubber surfacing at Central Elementary and Haverhill Elementary to improve playground accessibility. We are now proposing similar improvements at Woodland Elementary, focusing on areas around accessible playground equipment and main travel routes.

Poured-in-place rubber provides a more durable and even surface than engineered wood fiber, which can shift and become difficult to navigate over time. This will make the playground easier to access for students using wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility devices.

Along with the surfacing improvements, we are proposing additional playground equipment at Woodland to bring it more in line with what was completed at Central and Haverhill. These improvements will provide more opportunities for students of all abilities to play and enjoy the playground.

Overall, these improvements will help provide a safer, more accessible, and consistent playground experience for our students.

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SINCLAIR RECREATION, LLC

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Customer:

Portage Public Schools
Accounting Office, 8107 Mustang Drive
Portage, MI 49002
United States

Ship to Zip: 49002

Prepared for:

Steve Phelps
Phone: 269-323-5121

Prepared by:

Sinclair Recreation
176 E Lakewood Blvd
Holland, MI 49424
Ph: 800-444-4954
Fax: 616-392-8634

Quantity	Part #	Description	Unit Price	Amount
5713	EWF	**GT-Impax - DEDUCT FOR EWF TO PIP**	($2.60)	($14,853.80)
7728	PIP	**GT-Impax - Poured in place surfacing** Includes additional square footage for a turndown edge where EWF will meet PIP surfacing and supply and installation of 4" crushed stone subbase.	$30.00	$231,840.00
1	INSTALL	**Installation - Installation of Game Time Pieces**	$20,000.00	$20,000.00
1	Bond	**Sinclair Recreation - Payment and Performance Bond**	$4,400.00	$4,400.00
North Playground				
1	3249	**GameTime - Harmonic Chimes (set of 7)**	$11,112.00	$11,112.00
1	6263	**GameTime - Inclusive Whirl - Natural**	$18,034.00	$18,034.00
1	81749	**GameTime - Drum Circle**	$16,679.00	$16,679.00
South Playground				
1	6510	**GameTime - Space Arch**	$2,071.00	$2,071.00
1	USE TAX	**Sinclair Recreation - Use Tax**	$2,760.00	$2,760.00
1	DEDUCT	**Sinclair Recreation - Spin with me to inclusive whirl deduct**	($5,000.00)	($5,000.00)

Sub Total	$287,042.20
Freight	$5,907.80
Grand Total	**$292,950.00**

This quotation is subject to policies in the current GameTime Playground Catalog and the following terms and conditions. Our quotation is based on shipment of all items at one time to a single destination, unless noted, and changes are subject to price adjustment. Purchases to be supported by your written purchase order made out to vendor listed on quote acceptance. **A 2.5% PROCESSING FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL ORDERS PAID VIA CREDIT CARD.**

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SINCLAIR RECREATION, LLC

Pricing: f.o.b. factory, firm for 30 days from date of quotation unless otherwise noted on quotation. Sales tax will be added at time of invoicing unless a tax exemption certificate is provided at time of order entry.

Payment terms: Net 30 days for tax supported governmental agencies. A 1.5% per month finance charge will be imposed on all past due accounts. Equipment shall be invoiced separately from other services and shall be payable in advance of those services and project completion. Retainage not accepted.

Installation: Shall be by a Certified GameTime Installer. Customer shall be responsible for scheduling coordination and site preparation. Site should be level and permit installation equipment access. Purchaser shall be responsible for unknown conditions such as buried utilities, tree stumps, bedrock or any concealed materials or conditions that may result in additional labor or material costs. Payment terms for installation is Net 10 Days.

NOTE: PRICING **DOES NOT** INCLUDE ANY DAVIS BACON OR PREVAILING WAGE RATES UNLESS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED ABOVE IN QUOTE. THERE WILL BE A BACKCHARGE FOR THE INSTALLATION TO BE DONE THROUGH FELT, PEASTONE, SURFACING, OR WOODCHIPS, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY LISTED IN ABOVE QUOTE.

Submittals: Our design proposal reflects the spirit and intent of the project plans and specifications. While some variations may exist between our quotation and the project design, the differences do not materially affect the intended use. GameTime designs and specifications are unique and not intended to be identical in all respects to other manufacturers. We shall submit for review and approval by the owner's representative detailed drawings depicting the equipment to be furnished accompanied by specifications describing materials. Once approved, these drawings and specifications shall constitute the final documents for the project and shall take precedence over all other requirements.

Exclusions: Unless specifically included, this quotation excludes all site work and landscaping; removal of existing equipment; acceptance of equipment and off-loading; storage of goods prior to installation; equipment assembly and installation; safety surfacing; borders, drainage provisions, or any local/municipal/state/federal permits or paperwork that may be required.

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SINCLAIR RECREATION, LLC

Acceptance of quotation:

Accepted By (printed): _____ P.O. No: _____

Please make P.O.s out to Sinclair Recreation

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Facsimile: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Purchase Amount: $292,950.00

REQUIRED ORDER INFORMATION:

Bill To: _____ Ship To: _____

Contact: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Tel: _____ Tel: _____
(For Accounts Payable) (To call before delivery)

Email: _____ Email: _____

COLOR SELECTIONS: _____

SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #: _____ (PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF CERTIFICATE)

NOTE: IF INSTALLATION IS BEING QUOTED, THERE WILL BE A BACKCHARGE FOR THE INSTALLATION TO BE DONE THROUGH FELT, PEASTONE, SURFACING, OR WOODCHIPS. PRICING VALID FOR 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF QUOTATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ANY MODIFICATIONS TO AN ACCEPTED QUOTATION MUST BE DOCUMENTED IN WRITING OR WITH A NEW OR SEPARATE QUOTE. VERBAL MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUSLY SIGNED QUOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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4. Request to Name Drive at NHS (OP 7250)

PORTAGE
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To: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent
From: Russ Gerber, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Cc: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance
Date: September 28, 2026
Re: Huskie Trail

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education approve the naming of the drive providing access to the Portage Northern Campus from Milham Avenue and Constitution Boulevard as **"Huskie Trail."**

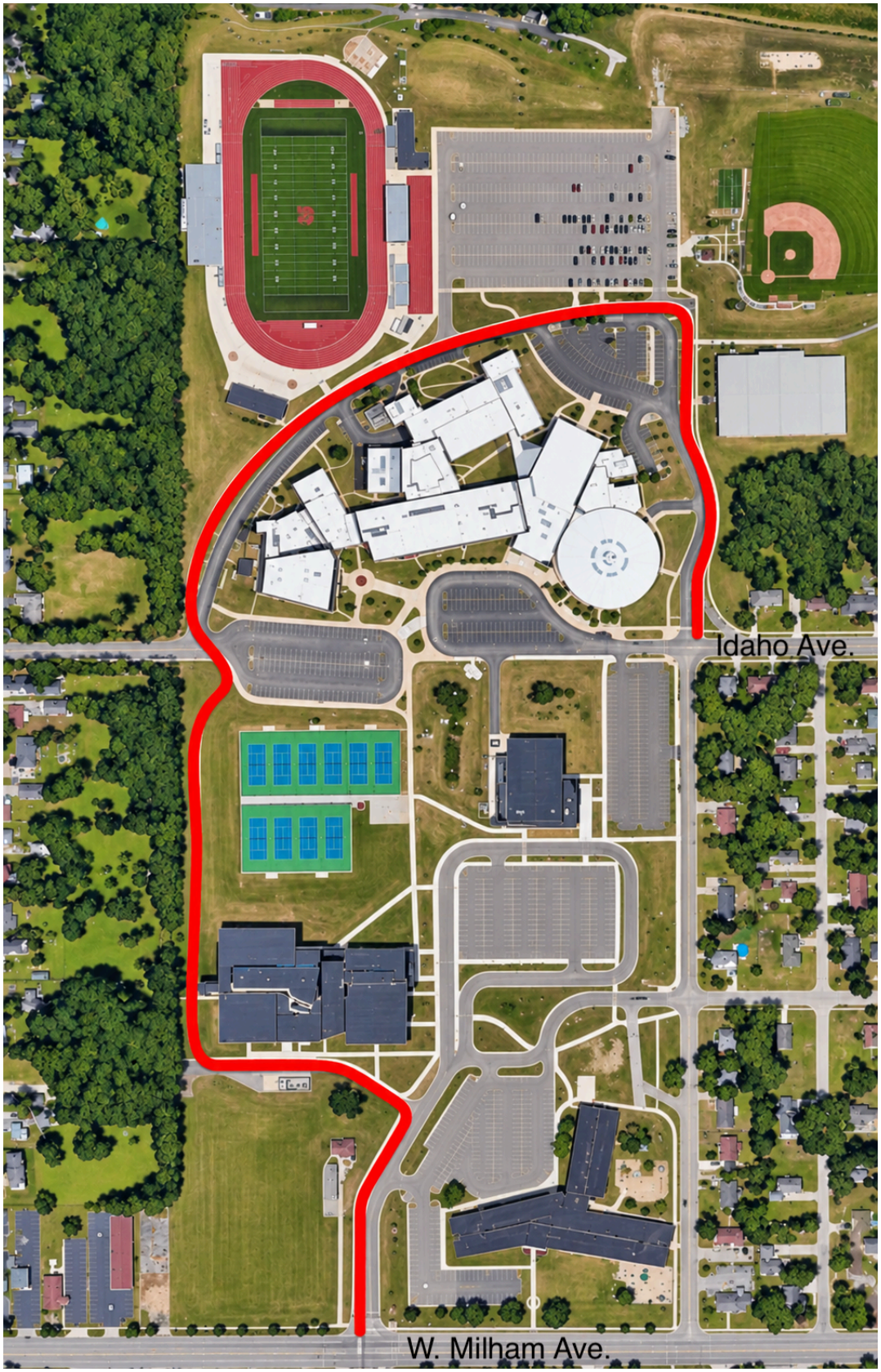
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Portage Northern High School students have proposed naming the drive serving the Northern Campus "Huskie Trail" as a way to recognize their school and strengthen its connection to the community.

The idea was brought forward by Portage Northern students Levi Bowman and Omar Elghawy, who worked with the Student Senate to develop a resolution supporting the proposed name. The resolution was shared with the City of Portage for consideration.

Since that time, District administration has worked with the City Manager's office to review the proposal and identify a naming option that meets the City's requirements while honoring the students' original request.

The proposed name, "Huskie Trail," would provide Portage Northern with a school-related roadway name, similar to Mustang Dr. at Portage Central High School.The naming of Huskie Trail will not change the existing addresses of Portage Northern High School, North Middle School, or the Portage Northern Natatorium.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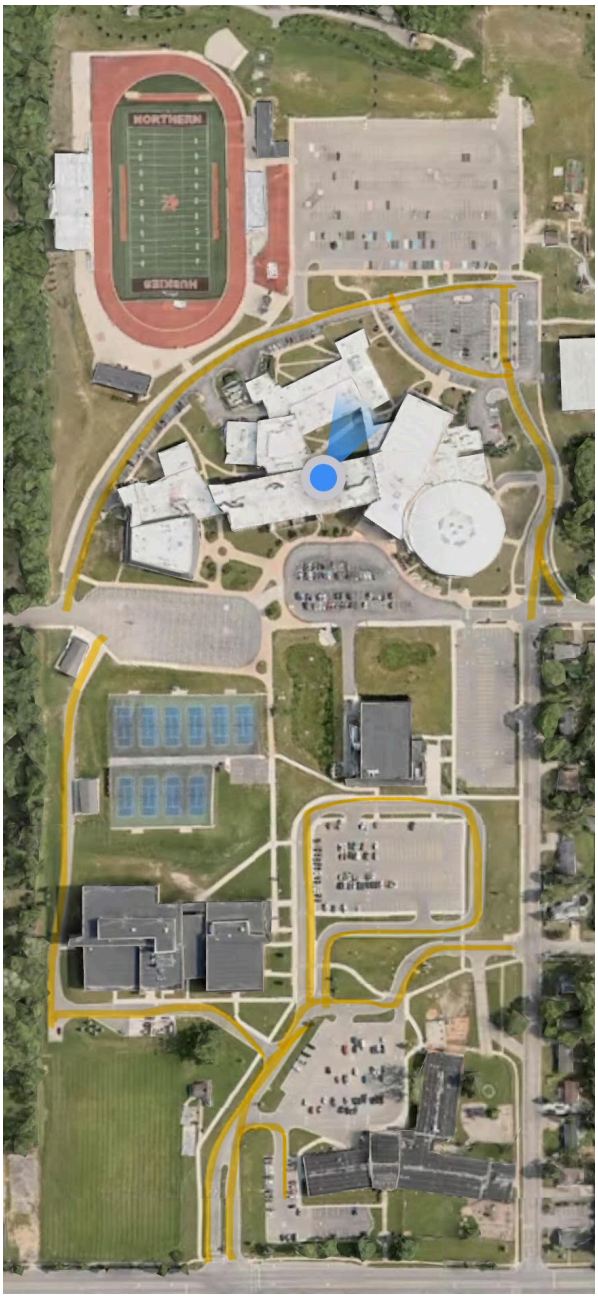
THE SENATE
OF PORTAGE NORTHERN

Resolution #2

A Resolution to Name the Unnamed Roads that Lead to the Drop Off Lane for Portage North Middle School and Portage Northern High School



Date: March 17, 2026
Senator Bowman and President Elghawy

WHEREAS, a primary purpose of Portage Northern High School is to provide students with a school identity and traditions that contribute significantly to school pride, community engagement, and a shared sense of belonging among students; and

WHEREAS, Portage Northern High School's mascot, the Huskies, is an important symbol of the school's identity and is widely recognized throughout the Portage community; and

WHEREAS, other schools within the district, including Portage Central High School, have incorporated their mascot identity into nearby road names, such as Mustang Dr., reinforcing school pride and visibility within the community; and

WHEREAS, previous ideas to create a Huskie-themed road name focused on renaming the main road associated with the school's address, which would require changing the addresses of residents living on that road and would create unnecessary legal and logistical challenges; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists an unnamed roadway branching off Constitution Boulevard that serves as the access road for both Portage Northern High School and Portage North Middle School, including the student drop-off and pickup areas; and

WHEREAS, the shape and layout of this roadway form a loop resembling a trail, making the name "Huskie Trail" an appropriate and meaningful designation connected to the school's mascot and identity; and

WHEREAS, naming this roadway would strengthen school tradition while avoiding the complications associated with renaming residential streets; and

WHEREAS, implementing this change would require the installation of appropriate road signage and coordination with school administration and the City of Portage;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage Northern High School Student Senate supports the naming of the currently unnamed access road connecting Constitution Boulevard to the Portage Northern and Portage North Middle School drop-off areas as **"Huskie Trail";** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate encourages collaboration with school administration to confirm the feasibility of this proposal and determine appropriate placement for road signage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon administrative approval, this proposal be forwarded to the appropriate authorities within the City of Portage for consideration and potential adoption as an official road designation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Portage Northern High School Student Senate respectfully submits this resolution as a representation of student interest in strengthening school identity and tradition within the broader Portage community.