

Ionia County Intermediate School District

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A. General Information	
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ISDs serve as a central support system for all public, charter and non-public schools that operate within their district. There are 57 Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) or Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) in the state of Michigan. No two are exactly alike. Each bases its work on the specific needs of its constituent public school districts. All offer leadership, programs, and services in the areas of instruction, career and technical education, special education, technology, and business related functions.

	FY 2023-2024			
Total Budget	\$ 29,008,482			
Pupil FTEs	8,947.60			
ISD Employees	418			
Constituent Districts, PSAs, Nonpublic Schools	14			

B. Travel Information - 2023-2024	
1. Airfare	
2. Hotel	
3. Ground Transportation	
4. Meals	
5. Entertainment	
6. Other	
7. Total	

As ISDs seek to provide leadership, programs and services to their constituents, staff seek out best practices, gain state and national educational perspectives, gather knowledge and skill levels that reflect the latest trends, innovations, and challenges. This requires more travel to conferences and trainings than you would typically experience in a K-12 school district.

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C. Contract Information

ISDs occasionally enter into contracts with vendors to perform specific services that would not be cost effective or reasonable for the ISD to provide on its own. ISDs must follow state requirements for seeking competitive bids on some purchases. Below are the contracts required to be reported under this section.

Subject Matter			Cost	Bid?	Signed by	Position
Casey Scheidt	Contracted Service		\$ 39,583.51	No	Jamie Carnes	Director of Finance
AIS Construction	Contracted Service		\$ 110,892.56	No	Ethan Ebenstein	Superintendent
Gametime/Sinclair Recreational	Construction Services		\$ 33,700.00	Yes	Jamie Carnes	Director of Finance
Illuminate/Renaissance	Software Licenses		\$ 28,891.50	Yes	Natalie Fuller	Assistant Superintendent
Pure Architects	Architect Services		\$ 220,479.95	No	Ethan Ebenstein	Superintendent
Triangle Associates	Construction Manager		\$ 3,574,588.73	Yes	Ethan Ebenstein	Superintendent
Sunbelt Staffing	Contracted Service		\$ 392,549.75	No	Natalie Fuller	Assistant Superintendent
Skyward	Student Management		\$ 83,568.20	Yes	John Milewski	Director of Technology
Tyler Technologies	Financial Software		\$ 40,994.14	Yes	Jamie Carnes	Director of Fiscal Services

D. Contract Modification Information

Any contract modifications in excess of \$25,000 for the 2023-24 school year are detailed below.

Modification Description		Additional Amount	Revised Total
None		\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -

E. Salary, Expense Account, & Supplemental Compensation Information

ISD employees are typically categorized by classification. All classifications are normally established according to demands of the position, level of responsibility, job functions performed, credentials and skills required, etc. Each classification falls into at least one established salary schedule, which takes into account such factors as seniority in position or in similar positions, comparison to similar jobs elsewhere in the community, cost of living factors, etc. In addition, some classifications require travel inside and outside of the ISD, attendance at meetings, and attendance at workshops and conferences. Expenses for these activities are strictly limited in a budget approved annually by the ISD Board of Education.

Employee			Salary	Exp. Acct.	Reimb. Exp.	Suppl. Comp.
Superintendent			\$ 156,562.00	\$ -	\$ 2,894.82	\$ 18,499.35
Director of Finance			\$ 127,100.00	\$ -	\$ 76.00	\$ 18,852.08
Assistant Superintendent of Special Education			\$ 117,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,184.21	\$ 18,123.10
SPED Director			\$ 105,411.00	\$ -	\$ 3,117.86	\$ 7,551.12
Assistant Superintendent of Career Technology			\$ 104,987.00	\$ -	\$ 509.89	\$ 9,448.92
Director of General Education			\$ 98,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,024.36	\$ 16,371.10
Early On Director			\$ 95,809.00	\$ -	\$ 950.70	\$ 2,874.30
Teacher			\$ 94,087.68	\$ -	\$ 1,102.24	\$ 11,251.12
ASD Director			\$ 92,124.00	\$ -	\$ 1,387.51	\$ -
SPED Director			\$ 91,864.00	\$ -	\$ 64.34	\$ -
Director of Technology			\$ 91,221.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Physical Therapist			\$ 90,094.92	\$ -	\$ 1,821.87	\$ 9,735.88
Principal			\$ 86,001.00	\$ -	\$ 3,488.95	\$ 2,579.98

F. Fiber Optic/Cable Equipment & Operating System Software for Fiber Optic/Cable Equipment Networks

Many ISDs utilize fiber networks which benefit students and the community. These high capacity broadband networks interconnect districts, improve the delivery of Internet, instructional, and administrative resources while reducing over-all costs. Through partnerships, ISDs, local schools, county and other governmental units, and Central Police Dispatch (911), have access to fiber wide-area networks that are more affordable for all partners.

Fund Source			Expenditures for Fiber Optic or Cable Equip. or OS Software			
No expenditures for fiber optic or cable equipment or operating system software for fiber optic or cable equipment networks.						

G. Public Relations, Polling, Lobbying, and Legal Services

The 57 intermediate school districts (ISDs) or regional educational service agencies (RESAs) were created by the legislature in 1962 to bring about quality and equitable educational opportunities to students and schools throughout the state. Because public education is funded and regulated by the state and federal government, it is necessary for ISDs to use some resources to fund activities that promote public accountability, research, and government communications. The guiding principle for all activities of this nature is to advocate for the children we serve.

Vendor			Services	Amount		
Thrun Law Firm			Legal Services	\$ 2,975.00		
Clark Hill			Legal Services	\$ 59,583.90		
Karoub Associates			Lobbying	\$ 11,500.00		
School Equity			Lobbying	\$ 4,050.00		

H. IRS Tax Form 1099s in Excess of \$25,000

Cost savings can often be realized by contracting with individuals for limited, specialized projects. For the fiscal year 2023-2024, the following projects and services were accomplished under contracts that exceeded \$25,000:

Name			Amount	Project(s)	Services
1099's at of 12/31/2023					
Sunbelt Staffing		Contracted Professional Staffing	\$ 392,549.75		
Clark Hill		Legal	\$ 59,583.90		
Casey Scheidt		Contracted Professional Staffing	\$ 39,584.00		

I. Certain ISD Expenditures

Every organization requires leadership. ISDs within the State of Michigan have been charged by the Governor and the Michigan Department of Education to communicate, train, support, and lead educational initiatives defined by the state and federal government. Most recently these include, but are not limited to, the following: No Child Left Behind, newly enacted high school graduation requirements, the Michigan School Improvement Framework, and the new Grade Level Content Expectations for the core subjects. ISDs are required by law to meet the individual and specialized needs of students within our region including the areas of Title I, Special Education, and Career and Technical Education.

			\$ Amount	% of Budget		
Administrative costs			\$ 1,087,817.31	0.03750		
Public Relations, surveys, polling, lobbying legal fees			\$ 78,108.90	0.00269		

J. Motor Vehicle Expenses

Because ISDs serve numerous districts, sometimes covering large geographic areas, certain vehicles might be provided for specific transportation needs.

Motor Vehicles		Purpose		
2002 Ford Van		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-07	
2004 E150 Econoline Van		Maintenance	ISD-05	
2009 GMC Savanna 1500		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-09	
2011 GMC Savanna 1500		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-10	
2013 GMC Savanna 1500		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-02	
2014 GMC Savanna 1500		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-11	
2014 GMC Savanna 1500		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-03	
2017 Ford Transit		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-12	
2017 Ford Transit		Career Tech	SP#1	
2017 Ford Transit		Career Tech	SP#2	
2021 Chevrolet Van		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-13	
2021 Chevrolet Van		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-14	
2024 Chrysler Pacifica		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-04	
2024 Chrysler Pacifica		Community Based Instruction Activities for Students with Disabilities	ISD-06	