

**ISOA Executive Board Virtual Meeting
May 13, 2020
Minutes**

Present

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| Dansville | Mike Kapp | Stockbridge | Larry Ostrander |
| East Lansing | Nichole Martin | Waverly | Mary Ann Martin |
| Haslett | Cammy Wheeler | Williamston | Jeff West |
| Holt | Laura Colligan | | |
| Ingham ISD | John Wolenberg | Absent | |
| Ingham ISD | Jason Mellema | Leslie | Mary Crowl |
| Lansing | Nino Rodriguez | Okemos | Dean Bolton |
| Mason | Michael Kelly | Webberville | Amy Coe |

Superintendents’ Round Table Debrief

Jason Mellema, Ingham ISD Superintendent, reviewed the topics discussed at the April and May Superintendents’ Round Table meetings.

The superintendents have been meeting weekly since the shut-down of face-to-face instruction starting on March 16. Districts were able to create their Continuity of Learning (COL) plans and transition to online platforms in approximately five weeks, in what is normally a 12-18-month process.

Topics of the weekly meetings have included: COL plans, cleaning protocols, employee well-being, prom, graduation, scholarships among many other topics related to the covid-19 situation. The meetings have now transitioned to every other week as the school year winds down. Meetings will continue during the summer months as preparations and collaborations continue for the 2020-21 school year.

Q: District COL plans – Is everyone doing the same thing?

All districts have similar philosophies, but approaches differ depending on the district. No district could go fully online and needed a backup system of paper packets for those families without connectivity. Districts worked to get devices to families, and everyone has a hybrid approach. All districts are weekly connecting with families, offering virtual IEPs and offering services for those students with special needs. Districts are supporting families with hygiene items, serving meals and some are delivering meals.

Celebration – Over 1 million meals have been served by the districts within the Ingham ISD service area since the stay at home order was put in place.

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Q: Special Education Students – what is happening for them?

Some situations can be challenging depending on the services needed. PT/OT/Speech involve a lot of specialized attention and hands-on situations. Many things are being done by engaging families in tele-practice. There will be a need in the fall to circle back and make sure that students are caught up.

We will be connecting with the Capital Area District Library (CADL) to offer additional supports in the fall to help families and students.

Q: What will K-12 instruction look like in the fall?

At this point, no one knows but it could include alternating schedules, reduced class sizes, reduced students on the bus, enhanced cleaning and sanitizing and many other options are being discussed.

Q: K-12 budget cuts, what will happen?

Districts are planning for a \$300-700 per pupil cut, but nothing is known right now.

General Fund Budget Review

Superintendent Mellema reviewed the Ingham ISD general education budget. A budget presentation is available for those boards who are interested. The ISD budget needs to be approved by local districts by June 1, 2020.

2020-21 ISOA Meetings – Topic Ideas

- Waverly HS Principal Chris Huff - Philosophy of Finland schools.
- Workshop for all board members from all 12 districts
- Mental Health supports for students.

District Updates:

Lansing: Thank you for the leadership we are seeing from the ISD and all the districts. The LSD is still involved in the superintendent search process.

Williamston: The WCS superintendent is in the reserves and was called into service during the pandemic. The district has been operating with an interim superintendent who has been doing a great job. Thank you to all the districts who have offered support during this time. They have seen a lot of engagement from parents and students during the shutdown of face-to-face education.

Haslett: A lot of appreciation for all of the superintendents during this trying time. It's amazing to see what the Haslett staff has done for the students and families. The board is preparing for the superintendent's evaluation.

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East Lansing: East Lansing will not be doing the superintendents evaluation per the executive order that allows that option. The district is still building schools, and moving ahead quickly with the lift on construction work. Parents and caregivers are doing an amazing job, and the amount of meals that are being served is amazing. The district should have graduations ideas this week per a survey that went out to the senior class.

Mason: Shares the sentiments from everyone regarding the appreciation for the work being done. Let's not hesitate to share challenges, and not forget about the principles that make public education work for our communities!

Waverly: Continued to be amazed at how much is getting done by the superintendents and the challenge of guessing as to what is to come with budgets.

Ingham ISD: Instructors are doing amazing things, districts are doing amazing things, and we need to continue to talk about the great things school districts are doing!

2020-21 Meeting Schedule:

All ISOA meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9:00 am at Ingham ISD.

September 2, 2020
October 7, 2020
November 4, 2020
December 2, 2020
January – No Meeting
February 3, 2021
March 3, 2021
April – No Meeting
May 5, 2021