

**ISOA Executive Board Meeting  
November 3, 2021  
Minutes**

**Present**

East Lansing    Monica Fink  
Ingham ISD    John Wolenberg  
Ingham ISD    Jason Mellema  
Lansing        Nino Rodriguez  
Leslie         Scott Powers  
Mason         Michael Kelly  
Okemos        Melanie Lynn  
Williamston   Jeff West

**Absent**

Dansville      Mike Kapp  
Haslett        Cammy Wheeler  
Holt            Rob Halgren  
Leslie         May Crowl  
Stockbridge   Keven Numinen  
Waverly       Mary Ann Martin  
Webberville   Amy Coe

Vice President Jeff West called the meeting to order at 8:06am.

**Mental Health Update**

Shalonda James-Garza and Tami Marsh – Ingham ISD Mental Health Specialists

Discussion on the mental health services being offered to students and staff within the Ingham ISD service area. The mental health specialists are addressing the gap in services between school, home, and community.

Services addressed:    Individual Students – Case consultation and collaboration, Triage and referral and time-limited individual therapy.

Families and Caregivers – Skills training/coaching, Consultation and referral, Time-limited family therapy.

Groups of Students – Determined by district need: Anxiety, Depression, Social-Emotional well-being, Coping Skills and Grief/Loss.

Staff (to assist students) – Mental health and emotional wellness professional development training, long or short-term support and consultation

The student referrals for mental health services are already half of what they saw ALL last year, so they are on track to possibly triple their referrals.

Professional Development Offerings – 24 sessions have been completed with 1939 participants. PD is recorded and saved to the ISD library of PD and is available to instructional and non-instructional staff.

Youth mental health first aid – four-hour training available to districts. Contact [Shalonda](#) or [Tami](#) for more information.

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## Superintendents' Round Table Update

Superintendent Scott Powers, Leslie Public Schools, gave an update from the October superintendent meeting:

- Top five common district priorities from the recent District Leadership Meetings: DEI Initiatives, Literacy, Social/Emotional Learning/Mental Health, Talent Management and PD Options.
- Health Resource Advocates (HRAs) – Nurses hired to work fulltime in districts to deal with Covid and other related issues.
- Health Liaisons – Money provided by the CDC Foundation to provide health services to districts.
- MSU ASPiRES – Research with MSU and the ISD to better support students' strengths and interest and align educational programming with current labor needs.
- Linda Vail – ICHD – Discussion on athletic and theatrical performance guidance for schools to allow participation in events without masks. The serial testing is set to start on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Reading Now Network Update
- The 5–11-year-old vaccination interest parent survey has been completed
- Test to Stay – Data on the number of student instruction days that have been saved due to utilizing Test to Stay.
- Special Ed Funding Formula – MDE representatives will present to the Round Table on November 17 regarding changes needed to the special education funding formula.

## District Updates

- Williamston Test to Stay appears to be working well for the district. The district recently hired a school nurse who will start on November 15. The football team lost in OT, boys soccer made it to the regional finals, volleyball continues in the play-offs, and Homecoming was rained out at half-time. Elementary students participated in their Halloween parade and 5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to go to camp.
- East Lansing ICHD meeting today to finalize a vaccination clinic for next week. East Lansing will not hold classes on Friday, November 5 due to a high number of staff members getting booster shots/flu shots the day before. The district will be looking for school and community members to join the Wellness Committee. Covid testing moving to individual testing instead of pool testing next week.
- Lansing The district reached an agreement with all the unions to agree to mandatory vaccinations for all in the schools. Lansing has nurses in the district every day working on Covid etc. Work continues to be done on the special education situation in Lansing. Thanks go to MDE and the ISD for helping Lansing with this situation.
- Mason Work continues on the middle school social emotional learning program for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Renewed focus on engaging paras and teacher aides and possibly raising the compensation rates. Challenges continue with substitutes – looking at floating substitutes to try to address the issue. Hired a social worker for supports in every building. Football continues in the play-offs against Haslett.

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Okemos High school faculty and administration are providing after-school supports for the students. Starting to engage the community and students with the work on the new logo/district name. Shared the HEAT information with the new Director of Equity and Inclusion in Okemos.

Ingham ISD Steel bids for construction came back substantially lower than expected which was good news. The ISD is also experiencing issues with getting substitutes and paraprofessionals.

## **2021-22 Meeting Schedule**

August 11, 2021

September 1, 2021

October 6, 2021

November 3, 2021

December 1, 2021

January 2022 – No Meeting

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

April 2022 – No Meeting

May 4, 2022

