

Key Services

Provided by Muskegon Area
Intermediate School District
2007-08



**Reeths-Puffer
Schools**

This report was created to highlight the many ways RPS partnered with the MAISD during the most recently-completed school year. Together we maximize resources, share best practices, solve problems, and save time and money.

Mr. Stephen Cousins chaired the Superintendents' Special Education Committee. He served as President Elect of the Executive Committee and was a member of the Career Development, Technology Advisory, and Legislation committees.

Staff from Reeths-Puffer Schools joined business directors, human resource managers, principals, teachers, curriculum directors, technology directors, media specialists, Title I staff, early childhood staff, nurses, transportation, and maintenance/operations directors from throughout the county for professional development, networking, regular meetings, and problem solving facilitated by the MAISD.

All Information Based on the 2007-08 School Year

Total Dollars Transferred

The dollars transferred to RPS for the 2007-08 school year from federal, state and local funds through the MAISD totaled **\$3,143,960**.

Special Education	\$3,129,736
General Education	\$ 14,224

Special Education

During the 2007-08 school year, MAISD services reached **726** RPS special education students. **18** RPS students with severe impairments attended programs at Wesley School. Of those students, **10** (ages 17-26) benefited from a transition classroom experience that included critical life skills.

Technology

The Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) provided audiovisual and technology services, plus economy-of-scale purchasing. RPS saved **\$96,886 (43%)** off educational pricing on its purchases. **9** staff attended a series of workshops on technology integration.

Medicaid Reimbursement

The MAISD helped RPS recapture dollars used to serve some special education students through a program with Medicaid. For 2007-08, RPS received **\$319,011** in Medicaid reimbursements.

Data Management

Technology Services managed **4,380** RPS student records, generated report cards, and provided training and support to RPS staff. In addition, the MAISD managed **1,205** RPS employee records and generated pay checks/deposit slips. An annual MAISD contribution of more than **\$1 million** kept instructional management costs lower than that of any other ISD offering the same breadth of services.

For more information

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Reeths-Puffer Staff Professional Development

RPS staff took advantage of **48** instructional professional development programs offered by the MAISD on the following topics:

- *REAL Science Academy*
- *Increasing Student Achievement by Integrating Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs)*
- *High School Math & Science Success*
- *Home Grown Summer Institute on Writing*
- *Analyzing Student Collected Data*
- *Meet the New High School Content Expectations (multiple sessions)*
- *Art Avenues Workshop*
- *Revised Michigan Model (Health)*
- *Physical Education Update*
- *Big Ideas in Reading*
- *Writing Units of Study*
- *StarLab: Planetarium Activities for Student Success*
- *K-7 Science Grade Level Content Expectations Intro*

In addition, RPS educators received:

- Customized introductory training on the Writing Units of Study
- *Sensational Service* training sessions for **59** RPS office staff and paraprofessionals

Career and Technical Education

Career and technical education programs were chosen by **83** RPS students who attended one of **20** different courses provided by the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC). **19** of these students participated in an internship, paid co-op or job shadow. **25** RPS middle school students attended the MACTC Summer Fun program.

Student Involvement

- **850** staff and students attended a performance by *Presidio Brass*
- **359** students attended the *High School Career Fair*
- **239** students attended *Goldilocks and the Three Bears in Outer Space*, an opera written for children
- **167** fifth grade students experienced a live history lesson at Maple Ridge School
- **115** fourth grade students played their recorders along with the *West Shore Symphony* at the Frauenthal Theatre
- **68** students exhibited their artwork at the annual Student Art Exhibit at the Muskegon Museum of Art
- **46** students attended the *Futures Transition Conference*
- **28** gifted students attended the week-long *WINGS* program

Early Childhood

- RPS enrolled **67** students in Head Start[®] in 2007-08. The MAISD serves as the federal grantee for the program.
- **8** RPS early childhood staff participated in the *2007 Early Childhood Conference*.
- Early On[®] served **58** RPS children under age 3 and their families. Multiple home visits were conducted with these children.

Pupil Accounting

The MAISD assisted RPS in maximizing State Aid revenues, offered official pupil accounting auditing services, training, and consultation regarding current laws, rules, and procedures. In 2007-08 MAISD staff performed an on-site audit in **1** RPS building.