

Key Services

Provided by Muskegon Area
Intermediate School District
2006-2007



Reeths-Puffer
Schools

The MAISD enjoys a strong working partnership with Reeths-Puffer Schools (RPS). Together we maximize resources, share best practices, solve problems, and save time and money. **Mr. Stephen Cousins** chaired the MAISD Superintendents' Special Education Committee and co-chaired the 2007 Special Education Millage Committee. He served as an at-large member of the Executive Committee and was a member of the Career Development, Data Processing/Technology, Negotiations, and Legislation committees. Staff from RPS 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.

This report was created to highlight the many ways RPS partnered with the MAISD during the most recently-completed school year.

All Information Based on the 2006-07 School Year

Total Dollars Transferred

The dollars transferred to RPS for the 2006-07 school year from federal, state and local funds through the MAISD totaled **\$3,406,349**.

Special Education	\$3,352,613
General Education	\$ 53,736

Special Education

During the 2006-07 school year, MAISD services reached **688** RPS special education students. **25** 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. RPS staff received **\$1,304** in special education mini-grants.

Medicaid Reimbursement

The MAISD helped RPS recapture dollars used to serve some special education students through a program with Medicaid. For 2006-07, RPS received **\$325,917** in Medicaid Reimbursements.

Technology

The Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) provided audiovisual and technology services, plus economy-of-scale purchasing. RPS staff borrowed **362** media items from the MAISD Discovery Center.

RPS saved **\$61,195 (46%)** off educational pricing on its purchases. The MAISD hosted **44** teacher-moderated blogs for RPS. **20** school staff members attended a series of technology integration sessions. **18** attended a variety of technology-related professional development sessions, including *Creating an Online Extension of Your Classroom*, *Reaching Standards through Digital Storytelling*, *Creating Classroom Blogs*, *PowerPoint*, and *Excel*.

Instructional Management

Technology Services managed **4,259** RPS student records, generated report cards, and provided training and support to RPS staff. In addition, the MAISD managed **783** RPS employee records and generated pay checks/deposit slips.

An annual **\$800,000** MAISD contribution 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 **36** instructional and special education professional development programs offered by the MAISD on the following topics:

- *Data Conversations that Change Performance*
- *Beginning Readers & Writers*
- *New High School Content Expectations*
- *New Michigan School Improvement Frameworks & Ed YES! Self-Assessment*
- *High School Math & Science Success Project*
- *Michigan Model (Health)*
- *PEAK Summer Institute Effective Instruction & Assessment*
- *Michigan Merit Exam*
- *Boardmaker & Writing with Symbols Software*

In addition, RPS educators received **on-site consultation** for:

- Assistance in planning for district quarterly assessments
- *Big Ideas* in mathematics and assessment for grades 3-5
- MDE model units and new *English Language Arts High School Content Expectations*



*Christopher McLaughlin
RP student enrolled in Public Safety*

Career and Technical Education

Career and technical education programs were chosen by **78** RPS students who attended one of **20** different courses provided by the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC). **17** of these students participated in an internship, paid co-op or job shadow. **360** RPS students toured the MACTC in 2006-07.

Reeths-Puffer Student Involvement

- **426** students attended the *Community Concerts Encore Performance* at Reeths-Puffer
- **448** students attended *Little Red Walking Hood*, an opera written for children
- **328** students attended the high school career fair
- **167** fourth grade students played their recorders along with the *West Shore Symphony* at the Frauenthal Theatre
- **130** fifth grade students experienced a live history lesson at Maple Ridge School
- **98** students enjoyed a performance by Somali multicultural artists Ilays
- **48** students exhibited their artwork at the annual Student Art Exhibit at the Muskegon Museum of Art
- **28** gifted students attended the week-long *WINGS* program
- **20** high school students participated in the *Reality Store*

Early Childhood

- RPS enrolled **75** students in Head Start® in 2006-07. The MAISD serves as the federal grantee for the program.
- **6** Early Childhood Special Education staff participated in 5 non-consecutive full days of training to support language and literacy learning for all students.
- Early On® served **47** RPS children under age 3.

Compliance Training

The MAISD conducted Bloodborne Pathogens and Lock Out/Tag Out training for **63** RPS staff and Hazardous Communications Act training for **64** RPS staff. Trainings are available in **14** topic areas.

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 2006-07 MAISD staff performed on-site audits in 3 RPS buildings.