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“Education Reimagined” Committee Formed to Prepare for Fall Return to School

Mason, MI - The suspension of face-to-face instruction has been a challenge for both educators and families. This spring, local and intermediate school districts (ISD) have been providing instruction to students through many different methods including virtually, through printed take home packets, video lessons and more. As the school year winds down, work on a plan for the 2020-21 school year is ramping up. Taking the time to be intentional about new ways of teaching and learning will be critical as plans are developed for the year ahead.

An Education Reimagined team has been formed to begin developing a plan that will look at options for reopening in the fall and be prepared for multiple scenarios. The top priority is the safety of students and staff, while continuing to educate students in many different ways. Ingham ISD pulled together stakeholders from the Region 5 Michigan Economic Recovery Council Reporting Regions (Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham and Shiawassee), educational service agencies, local district representatives, parents and local health experts to work together to create and implement these plans.

“The Education Reimagined team has come together to leverage local district and ISD personnel in a short amount of time to identify best practices. The Education Reimagined team will be developing a framework of best practices to deploy multiple instructional options for students and parents in our local communities,” said Jason Mellema, Ingham ISD Superintendent. “We will need support from state and local officials to allow us flexibility to provide alternative options to families. We feel strongly that we need to take this opportunity to reimagine what our traditional education model looks like and enhance it for future success.”

During this time of closure, teachers have stepped up to the challenge and have adapted their lesson plans and programming to meet students’ needs at home. Parents have been an invaluable resource by stepping in to help students with their schoolwork and encouraging them to engage in online instruction. The final plan may include options for all in-person instruction, all online instruction, or some combination of both in-person and online instruction. More information will be released as soon as the Education Reimagined team finalizes plan options.

Ingham Intermediate School District offers programs and services to staff and students in the districts of Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. For more information, visit Ingham ISD (www.inghamisd.org).

Region 5 Michigan Economic Recovery Council Reporting Regions includes Clinton County RESA, Eaton RESA, Gratiot/Isabella RESD, Ingham ISD and Shiawassee RESD and the local districts in their service areas.