

Partners in Education

2022-2023 Report



Sparta Area Schools
& **Kent ISD**

Kent ISD is honored to partner with our local schools to provide enhanced and equitable opportunities to enrich the experiences and achievements of our learners.

We provide essential services, collaborative initiatives and valuable learning for students and educators. All this, in turn, helps districts devote more dollars directly to classrooms. The following is a snapshot of some of the many ways we supported education across our districts in the 2022-23 school year and specifically in Sparta Area Schools.



101,500
students in Kent ISD



8,552
teachers in Kent ISD

5 Early Childhood Programs

Setting the youngest learners up for school success

Bright Beginnings

Empowering parents to be their child's first and best teacher through **16** playgroups and **131** home visits in your district

Great Start Readiness Program

Free, high-quality preschool for **144** 4-year-olds in your district, at no cost to your district

Early On

Early intervention for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities

Great Start to Quality

Resources, support for early childhood providers; helping families find childcare and preschool

Help Me Grow

Connecting families with children 0-5 yrs to local resources

5 Secondary Programs

Providing new and different ways to learn at little to no cost to districts

Kent Career Tech Center

Nearly 30 hands-on, career-focused programs

Kent Innovation High*

Project-based learning - *sunsetting summer 2023*

Kent Transition Center

Job exploration and training for students with disabilities - *joining Kent Career Tech Center fall 2023*

Launch U*

Early middle college program offering free associate degrees through Grand Rapids Community College

MySchool@Kent*

Hybrid learning for 6th-12th grade students

*Districts pay for the 13th year of Launch U and a portion of MySchool@Kent and Kent Innovation High tuition.



175

little ones served from Sparta Area Schools

\$1,333,782

our investment in your littlest learners in these programs



136

students served from Sparta Area Schools

\$999,357

our investment in your students in these programs

9 Special Education Center Programs

Serving **842** students age 0-26 years with the most complex needs in locations throughout the county



28

students served from Sparta Area Schools



\$176,578,861
Total funding passed through to districts



Instructional Services

418 Total professional learning offerings from Kent ISD

222 SCECHs earned by Sparta Area Schools staff

Your district participated in **7** of 8 different coaching and consulting areas aimed at improving teaching and learning

Data represents March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

Your district received the following in these major areas:

\$676,057
Enhancement Millage

\$1,233,559
Federal Special Education

\$1,574,201
Act 18

\$67,147
Section 31n



Additional Services and Cost Savings

Payroll and Accounts Payable

Sparta Area Schools receives payroll and accounts payable services from Kent ISD's Business Office

Adult Education

Helping **1,200** adults 18+ improve their lives and employment options through free English language, basic education, GED and Career and Technical Education courses

College & Career Readiness

Offering career exploration and awareness opportunities for students, plus coaching, consulting and professional learning for educators

Education Advocates of West Michigan

Legislative and advocacy efforts that leverage the collective power of districts across Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon ISDs

Professional Networking & Support

Principals, Human Resources, Business Office Managers, Technology Directors, Communicators, Special Educators, Facilities Directors, Math Teachers, Curriculum Directors, and more

School News Network

Sharing what's happening in schools throughout our region, providing a window into our local public schools

Student Leadership Community

Cultivating and elevating the voices of students from each of our districts



IT and Data Services

Our School Data - all districts

MIPSE - all districts

Plus, for Sparta Area Schools -

- PowerSchool Hosting
- Server Hosting
- PowerSchool Support
- IT Engineering
- Wide Area Network
- IT Management



Student Services

15 districts receive ongoing proactive Special Education Monitoring and Compliance. In 2023-2024, all districts will receive this support.

Every district took advantage of our coaching and consulting services in a variety of areas including -

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Behavior, English Learners, Diversity, Equity and Belonging, Specially Designed Instruction (SDI)

Each district receiving Section 31n dollars received support through -

consulting, training of mental health professionals, resources, partnerships with local organizations