

# Partners in Education

## 2023-2024 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.

The following is a snapshot of some of the many ways we supported education across our districts in the 2023-24 school year and specifically in Sparta Area Schools.



**100,150**  
students in Kent ISD



**8,330**  
teachers in Kent ISD

## 4 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 **17** playgroups and **96** home visits in your district

### Great Start Readiness Program

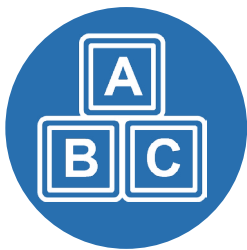
Free, high-quality preschool for **141** 4-year-olds in your district, at no cost to your district

### 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



**172**

little ones served from Sparta Area Schools

**\$1,376,363**

our investment in your littlest learners in these programs

## 3 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 serving **112** students in your district

### Launch U\*

Early middle college program offering free associate degrees through Grand Rapids Community College for **16** students in your district

### MySchool@Kent\*

Hybrid learning for 6th-12th grade students

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



**128**

students served from Sparta Area Schools

**\$1,214,435**

our investment in your students in these programs

## 9 Special Education Center Programs

Serving **992** students age 0-26 years with the most complex needs in locations throughout the county



**36**

students served from Sparta Area Schools



**\$188,193,392**  
Total funding passed through to districts



## Instructional Services

**383** Total professional learning offerings from Kent ISD

**361** SCECHs earned by Sparta Area Schools staff

Your district participated in **2** of 8 different coaching and consulting areas aimed at improving teaching and learning

*Data represents March 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024*

Your district received the following in these major areas:

**\$747,900**  
Enhancement Millage

**\$1,237,179**  
Federal Special Education

**\$1,605,379**  
Act 18

**\$125,695**  
Section 31N



## IT and Data Services

Our School Data - all districts

MiPSE - all districts

Plus, for Sparta Area Schools -

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



## 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 **1,250** adults 18+ improve their lives and employment options through free English language, GED and Career and Technical Education courses

### Office of Talent Development

Providing connections to businesses, career exploration for students, consulting and training for educators

### Education Advocates of West Michigan

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

### School News Network

Sharing the stories of 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



## Student Services

Special Education Monitoring and Compliance - all districts ongoing

Threat Assessment Training - all districts

Sparta Area Schools received the following coaching and consulting sessions -

- Assistive Technology - **1**
- English Learners - **3**
- Autism - **2**
- Specially Designed Instruction - **4**
- Behavior - **3**

**35** children referred to Early On for early intervention

**4** district-specific Student Services-related PD sessions provided for your district