

## Managing Our Future: Special Education ~ Center Programs

Northville currently houses the Western Wayne County program for students with severe multiple impairments (SXI), severe mental impairments (SCI), and students dually diagnosed with both a cognitive impairment and emotional impairment (DD) in two buildings: Old Village and Cooke Schools. The program services fourteen local school districts from Northwestern Wayne County and is funded through the Act 18 fund through Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). At the present time there are approximately 120 students at Old Village and 165 students at Cooke. A benefit that Northville hosting the center programs is that the district receives 11.87% of the center program operating budget to support indirect costs associated with the program. Northville currently receives approximately \$1.2 million from the Act 18 budget for indirect costs to support the general fund.

<u>Examples</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Implications</u>	<u>Budget Impact</u>
Reduce days to 200 days.	Current minimum days required for SCI and SXI students, per state guidelines is 200. Currently SCI and SXI student days are at 215.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renegotiate contract due to change in length of days- per contract language</li> <li>• Loss of salary for staff</li> <li>• Child care impact on parents</li> <li>• Educational impact on students</li> <li>• All savings to Act 18 funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 days salary for approximately 150 employees: savings equals approximately \$650,000</li> <li>• Possible building and custodial costs: savings equals approximately \$10,800</li> </ul>
Remove Cooke and Old Village from Northville	Northville could request to no longer run center program for SCI, SXI, and DD students in Western Wayne County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of revenue from indirect funds received from Act 18.</li> <li>• Loss of key piece of Northville community</li> <li>• Loss of student employees working at sites around Northville community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of revenue from indirect funds received from Act 18 budget: loss of approximately \$600,000-\$700,000 yearly.</li> </ul>
Operate Cooke & Old Village on 4 day school weeks.	Increase amount of time students are in school daily so that hours can be achieved with 4-day weeks, instead of 5-day school weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longer days for students: Consider ability for special needs student to sustain that long of a school day</li> <li>• Loss of salary for custodial/transportation/food service staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible savings of building costs equal approximately \$28,800/year ~Custodial ~Heat/Water/Electricity</li> </ul>
Additional Consolidation of special education transportation.	Each district sending students to Cooke and Old Village could attempt to consolidate cross district transportation runs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-district coordination of bus routes may not improve costs</li> <li>• Length of bus ride for students is unknown until actual plans are designed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible reduced cost of transportation for all Wayne County Western Region school districts including Northville.</li> <li>• Savings unknown at this time</li> </ul>
Utilize Student-Run Cooke Copy Center more.	Northville uses Cooke Copy Center to reduce costs from items sent out of district for printing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible reduced printing costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savings of \$5000 per year</li> <li>• More real jobs for students</li> </ul>
Lease Center Program Building to Community.	Allowing other organizations to rent space in Old Village and/or Cooke Schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential increased custodial coverage</li> <li>• Wear &amp; tear on building/equipment</li> <li>• Possible parking issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible revenue generation of approximately \$4,000 per year.</li> </ul>

**Note:** To the extent that any of these considerations could be implemented only through the collective bargaining process, the School District would, of course, comply with its legal and contractual obligations in this regard.