

MEDIA RELEASE

INKSTER DISSOLUTION

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As you may be aware, on July 18, 2013, State Treasurer Andy Dillon and State Superintendent Michael Flanagan determined that both Buena Vista and Inkster Public School Districts met all of the criteria required under Public Act 96 of 2013 that would require them to be dissolved. On July 23, 2013, they formally declared that both districts would be legally dissolved. Inkster Public Schools was dissolved due to its inability to obtain private financing.

Wayne-Westland, along with several other districts throughout the state, opposed this legislation because it removed the authority of local communities from educating its neighborhood children without the voice of its constituents. Regardless of our opposition, we must comply with state law. Furthermore, the children assigned to Wayne-Westland deserve a high quality education, which we are prepared to provide.

Once declared dissolved, state law moves the dissolution process to the school boards of the county intermediate school districts. In this case, Wayne County RESA became responsible for dissolving, redrawing school boundary lines and redistributing those students to the respective school districts.

On Thursday evening, July 25, 2013, the Wayne County RESA Board of Education took action to divide Inkster Public Schools into four quadrants. The four school districts receiving quadrants are Romulus, Taylor, Westwood and Wayne-Westland.

Attached is a map of the four quadrants and the respective districts to which they have been assigned. Accordingly, Wayne-Westland's quadrant is designated in yellow and is the northwest quad; north of Michigan Avenue, west of Middlebelt, south of Avondale and east of Henry Ruff. The blue area represents three quads; Romulus, Taylor and Westwood.

The student data that Wayne County RESA has given Wayne-Westland indicates that there are currently 65 students registered and attending Inkster Public Schools within Wayne-Westland's quadrant; K-5 (34), 6-8 (13) and 9-11 (18).

As more details become available and registration procedures are developed, they will be posted online.

****Additional Resources**

Free Press Article: <http://www.freep.com/article/20130718/NEWS06/307180093/Inkster-Buena-Vista-schools-districts-get-temporary-reprieve>

Detroit News Article:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130718/SCHOOLS/307180083/Inkster-Buena-Vista-schools-get-deadline-obtain-loans-stay-open?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>