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State of the ISD Address – 2008

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Dear Bay-Arenac ISD Board of Education, Superintendents, and Staff:

As I reflect on this past year, I can't help but think of the many wonderful things we have accomplished collectively. This is a great time of year to share with each of you some of the things that we have accomplished over the past twelve months.

Before I begin, I want to thank the Board of Education for their support and continued encouragement. Secondly, the ISD has a tremendous group of extremely hardworking employees and Administrators who truly have a passion for the job they do and the children they serve. As an example, I'm pleased to inform our Board that BAISD has completed our Health and Science Wing which now serves more than 140 additional students from Bay and Arenac Counties. Thank you to all of our staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

Many 2008 noteworthy highlights include:

- Approved North Central Accreditation of Bay-Arenac ISD.
- Approved the design of the new Bay-Arenac ISD website.
- Approved new projection system for Health and Science Wing.
- Approved new Bay-Arenac ISD Data Warehouse Analysis System for the ISD and local school districts.
- Approved new data and phone wiring for the new Health and Science Wing.
- Approved new Board policies for Sections 4000, 7000, and 8000.
- Approved the hiring of a Veterinary and Forensic Science Instructor.
- Approved the hiring of a Data Specialist for Data Warehouse.
- Approved the Wireless Network for the Health and Science Wing.
- Approved the purchase of a wheel alignment kit for the Career Center.
- Approved the purchase of a brake lathe and adapters for the Auto Mechanics program.
- Approved Board policy changes for Section 2000.
- Approved the summer work schedule.
- Approved the option to purchase property for the Building Trade's Project House for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Approved the purchase of welding helmets.
- Approved the annual technology purchase.
- Approved the purchase of Veterinary Science equipment.
- Approved payment to Monitor Township for the new wing sewage/water connections.
- Approved ten licenses for PLATO Learning for Adult Education.
- Approved the purchase of a new Internet service provider.
- Approved the purchase of audio/visual equipment for the Health and Science Wing classrooms.
- Approved two new Board members for the Bay-Arenac Community High School.
- Received approval to continue the farmland lease agreement.
- Approved the purchase of graphing calculators for local school districts.
- Approved new signage for the Health and Science Wing.
- Approved a contracted coordinator for the Early Childhood Great Start program.

- Approved the purchase of a closed-circuit television surveillance system.
- Approved the purchase of equipment for Veterinary Science, Forensic Science and OT/PT programs.
- Approved the purchase of a software upgrade of Microsoft Office 2007 and the conversion to Outlook 2007.
- Approved the purchase of nursing furniture for the Health and Science wing.
- Approved the purchase of the “Tree of Life” for Career Center donations.
- Accepted the 2007-2008 audit report.
- Approved the sale of two Building Trade’s homes.
- Approved the purchase of a P.A. System for the Career Center.
- Approved the new legislative liaison fee.
- Approved the purchase of Career Center floor cleaning machines.
- Approved the Medicaid Outreach fund distribution to our local districts.
- Approved Special Education Fund Balance distribution.
- Approved new banking institution resolution.
- Completed the 2007-08 Annual Report and presented to all local school districts.
- Presented the revised Strategic Plan.
- Approved the new water installation at the Educational Service Center.
- Approved the purchase of Special Education Transportation software.
- Approved the renovation study of the Career Center Dental area.
- Approved the purchase of student email hardware.
- Approved the purchase of Career Center air conditioning units for rooms 106/107.
- Approved 403(b) employee plan changes.
- Frank Davenport resigned after 18 years of service on the Board of Education.
- David Lovely replaced Mr. Davenport on the Board of Education.
- William Jordan becomes President of the Board after Mr. Davenport resigned.
- Louis Stange is approved as Vice President for the Board.
- Deborah Dunbar was approved as the new Director of Instructional Services.
- Adult Education has a record number of student graduates.
- BAISD continues to adhere to North Central Accreditation recommendations in preparation for the paper audit due the fall of 2009.
- Michael Dewey, David Sevener, and Brenda Peppel made a presentation at the AESA National Conference on the NCA process.
- Printed and shared the updated LEA Profiles with all Superintendents.

Some likely benchmarks to look for in 2009:

- The Board of Education will continue to be student-centered and focused on helping our students achieve success in whatever area of interest the students might have.
- Continue to assist our local districts in the redesign of our high school curriculum to meet the MME reform requirements.
- Continue to seek ways to increase the number of children enrolled in the Imagination Library program.
- Continue to move forward on the Special Education Transportation effort for the fall of 2009, to meet collaborative initiatives and NCA recommendations.
- Continue to improve and enhance our Strategic Plan to better meet the needs of our ISD and our local districts.
- To move forward in meeting the NCA recommendations as outlined.
- To move forward in preparation of the NCA/ISD program review for the fall of 2009.
- To develop a great partnership with local area businesses to enhance the Imagination Library program; to increase both the finances and student enrollment.
- Continue to assist our LEAs with the Consolidation of Services to save valuable resources.
- Work to provide more affordable health care benefits for all of our employees.

- Seek to be an educational leader in our Region and our State.
- Continue our relationship with our county government and local area businesses to enhance our programs for students.
- To assist our LEAs in their quest to find the much needed data assessment software.
- To assist our locals in the purchase of a school messenger software solution.
- Continue to seek ways to streamline ISD programs to be as effective as possible.
- To offer continuing education programs for our LEAs to assist them in meeting their continuing educational needs.
- To develop and distribute a new professional development guide/booklet.
- The ISD to move forward to develop electronic Board meeting packages.

Bay-Arenac ISD continues to be seen as a leader in our two counties. As resources continue to become less and less, our ISD will need to continue to be creative and resourceful in how we utilize our funding. Our Board of Education will continue to make decisions based on what is in the best interest of all of our students from Bay and Arenac Counties.

I sincerely thank each of our Board members for allowing me to serve you. The time and energy you give to our students has not gone unnoticed. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of such a tremendous organization.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Dewey, Superintendent

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