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January 31, 2011

FOIA RESPONSE

Mr. Jarrett Skorup
Research Associate
Mackinac Center for Public Policy
140 West Main Street
P.O. Box 568
Midland, MI 48640

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Dear Mr. Skorup:

This is written in response to your November 12, 2010 Freedom of Information Act request for the processing of which we received a fee deposit on January 10, 2011.

Please find enclosed records responsive to your request. One document has been withheld entirely subject to the attorney-client privilege under Section 13(1)(g) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MIFOIA). Approximately fourteen other documents have been withheld entirely under Sections 13(1)(m) or 13(1)(a). Section 13(1)(m) provides for the withholding of "communications and notes within a public body or between public bodies of an advisory nature to the extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to a final agency determination of policy or action." Section 13(1)(a) provides for the withholding of "information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy." Information subject to these exemptions has also been redacted within the records provided to you.

Certain other information has been redacted in compliance with Section 13(2), which requires the withholding of information that, if released, would prevent the public body from complying with 20 U.S.C. 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Moreover, pursuant to 42 CFR Part 93, University policy precludes disclosure of information related to the investigation of alleged research misconduct. To the extent that some records contained information not responsive to your request, those documents were also redacted.

The MIFOIA provides that when a public body denies all or a portion of a request, the requester may do one of the following: (1) submit an appeal of the determination to the head of the public body; or (2) commence an action in circuit court to compel the public body's disclosure of the records. If you wish to seek judicial review of any denial, you must do so within 180 days of the date of this letter. If the circuit court orders disclosure of all or a portion of the public record(s) to which you have been denied access, you may receive attorneys' fees and, in certain circumstances, damages under the MIFOIA.

Should you choose to file an appeal with the University regarding this response to your request, you must submit a written communication to this Office expressly stating that it is an "appeal" of this response. In your appeal, please state what records you believe should have been disclosed to you. You must also state the reasons you believe any denial of your MIFOIA request should be reversed. This Office will arrange for the processing and review of your appeal.

Due to the broad and expansive nature of your request, a significant amount of labor was required to gather and review the responsive records, and to separate exempt from nonexempt materials. As reflected in the enclosed invoice itemizing these costs, the fees incurred amounted to less than the fee deposit you provided. Accordingly, your deposit check is being returned to you with this letter. Full payment of the bill is required within 30 calendar days of the date of the invoice.

Sincerely,



Radhika Pasricha
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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PROCESSING FEES FOR FOIA REQUEST

records re: school district consolidation
study published on 08/10/10

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Fee Itemization</u>	
<u>LABOR</u>	
16 hours @ \$17.30/hour	\$276.80
5.5 hours @ \$20.18/hour	\$110.99
1 hour @ \$63.47/hour	\$ 63.47
1.5 hours @ \$79.23/hour	\$118.85
1.5 hours @ \$120.76/hour	\$ 181.14
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 751.25
<u>DEPOSIT RECEIVED BY MSU FOIA OFFICE 01/10/11</u>	- \$ 872.34
01/31/11 MSU FOIA Office returned check #28459 in the amount of	\$ 872.34
<i>Make Check Payable To Michigan State University Federal I.D. 38-6005-984-W (Send payment to the address listed in the upper left corner of this invoice.) RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT</i>	
BALANCE OWED	\$ 751.25

Cornelison, Jered

From: Jim Pivarnik [jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 8:53 AM
To: cornel24@msu.edu; Johns, Kim
Subject: Fwd: Re: FW: Plagiarism accusation
FYI

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 08:52:13 -0400
To: "Cassella, Kent" <Kent.Cassella@ur.msu.edu>
From: Jim Pivarnik <jimpiv@msu.edu>
Subject: Re: FW: Plagiarism accusation
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Thanks Kent,

If you believe that this accusation is true (not the charge, but the fact that there is an accusation), please have the Mackinaw Center get in touch with me right away (regardless of what anyone at the College of Ed might say).

517-643-1061 or 517-420-1897 today

thanks

JP



-----Original Message-----

From: Nicole Geary [mailto:ngeary@msu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 9:55 PM
To: Cass Book; Henion, Andy; floden@msu.edu; Cassella, Kent; Carole Ames; bschmidt@msu.edu; shakrani@msu.edu
Subject: Plagiarism accusation

Hi,

I just got off the phone with GR Press education editor Julie Hoogland who alerted me to this. The Mackinaw Center is accusing MSU and the Education Policy Center of plagiarism in a report/study on school district consolidation commissioned by Booth newspapers. See the links below. Julie said that the paper talked to Sharif for an article in tomorrow's paper- I don't know for sure what other news coverage this

is getting. The study itself was having some positive coverage and impact. Anyway the GR Press wants to talk to someone else from the university tomorrow to see how we are responding to the matter. I will call in the morning but please let me know what you think needs to be done. Obviously a more careful understanding of the allegation and discussion with Sharif is in order. I apologize if I am already behind on this -- figured I should do what I could while on vacation.

<http://www.mackinac.org/13406>

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/08/mackinac_center_says_msu_profe.html

http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/08/michigan_may_offer_financial_i.html

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jim Pivarnik [mailto:jimpiv@msu.edu]

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 5:34 PM

To: Johns, Kim

Subject: Fwd: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

Envelope-to: jimpiv@msu.edu

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 16:06:26 -0400

To: jimpiv@msu.edu

From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>

Subject: Fwd: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

X-Virus: None found by Clam AV

Jim, I am sending you this correspondence [REDACTED] First there is the email exchange. Please note at the bottom the email [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Second, [REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 13:41:28 -0400

Thread-Index:

Acru1q17Zi0f5bRT0O2nq/F8xGIYwItJ7vwADXynLASaXN8wAAAOnGgATWaa4A=

X-Virus: None found by Clam AV

Carole: [REDACTED]

Sharif M. Shakrani

**Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU**

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]

Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 9:59 AM

To: 'Julie Hoogland'

Subject: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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P.S. Mr. Thomas White can be reached at: 517 515 1604.

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]

Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 9:44 AM

To: 'Sharif Shakrani'

Subject: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

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From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 12:45 PM
To: 'JHoogland@grpress.com'
Subject: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
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To: jhoogland@grpress.com
Subject: Confidential:

Attachments: June 2009 Procedures.pdf



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Julie,

As promised, attached is a copy of the MSU Research Misconduct Procedures.

Jim Pivarnik
Research Integrity Officer

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 5:36 PM
To: vanbeek@mackinac.org
Subject: Confidential:

Attachments: June 2009 Procedures.pdf



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Michael,

As promised, here is a copy of our Research Misconduct Procedures.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Cornelison, Jered

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From: Jim Pivarnik [mailto:jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 6:34 AM
To: Johns, Kim
Subject: Fwd: Mackinac Center story

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From: Jim Pivarnik [mailto:jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 7:05 AM
To: Johns, Kim
Subject: Fwd: Re: Fwd: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

I thought you would like to see this one

Envelope-to: jimpiv@msu.edu
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 00:11:05 -0400
To: Jim Pivarnik <jimpiv@msu.edu>
From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
Subject: Re: Fwd: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]
X-Virus: None found by Clam AV

Jim, one last comment or observation. It was said that this review could take up to a year.

[REDACTED]

got it, thank you

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[REDACTED]

Second, [REDACTED]
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X-Virus: None found by Clam AV

Carole: [REDACTED]

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Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 9:01 AM
To: Simon, Lou Anna
Subject: RE: Confidential:

sounds good, thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Simon, Lou Anna
Sent: Fri 8/20/2010 8:56 AM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: RE: Confidential:

I will be back in the office on Tuesday of next week. Will call you then to get an update.

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thu 8/19/2010 5:31 PM
To: Simon, Lou Anna
Cc: Gray, James; kelleyt@msu.edu
Subject: Confidential:

Dr. Simon,

I am aware of the situation related to the story in the Grand Rapids Press. I have spoken with those involved, and will do so again tomorrow, per our usual process. Please let me know if you have any specific questions.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 11:24 AM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] school district consolidation in Michigan
Dr. Pivarnick: [REDACTED]

Sharif M. Shakrani
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[REDACTED]

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Cornelison, Jered

From: Jim Pivarnik [jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 4:35 PM
To: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: Fwd: Re: Shakrani
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 16:10:40 -0400
To: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
From: Jim Pivarnik <jimpiv@msu.edu>
Subject: Re: Shakrani
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

not any details, everything should be treated as confidential, and I told that to Shakrani

thanks

Jim Pivarnik

Do I get updated on anything related to this case.

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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 6:25 PM
To: Ames, Carole; floden@msu.edu
Subject: Confidential:

Carole and Bob,

I know that [REDACTED] but I want to assure you that I will do everything possible, as I always do, to expedite our process. As our procedures indicate, I have a neutral role in the proceedings, and it is imperative that, to the best of our ability, all communication among the players involved needs to remain confidential. I believe [REDACTED]

So, bottom line, I can answer general procedural questions at any time, but no specific details

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2010 9:14 AM
To: vanbeek@mackinac.org
Subject: Confidential:

Michael,

I would like to speak with you briefly when you get a chance. My cell phone number is 517-643-1061, when you get a chance.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik
Research Integrity Officer

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2010 9:15 AM
To: cassella@ur.msu.edu
Subject: quick chat

Kent,

When you get a chance, could you please call me on my cell phone at 517-643-1061.

thanks

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 8:51 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: update

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO [mailto:rio@msu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2010 11:12 AM
To: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: update

Jered,

I just got off the phone with Mike VanBeek of the Mackinac Center. I asked him where he got the copies of the papers that he read. He said he got one from the GR Press, and the more detailed one from the MSU Ed Policy Website. He got these on Monday of last week, Aug 16.

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 6:07 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: RE: School District Consolidation Study-Mackinac Allegations

thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2010 8:40 AM
To: Wilcox, Kim; Gray, James
Subject: Confidential:

Drs. Wilcox and Gray,

Per our Procedures, I am notifying you that our office has begun a Preliminary Investigation into a Research Misconduct Allegation against a faculty member from the College of Education.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:40 PM
To: Julie Hoogland
Subject: RE: Confidential:

One more thing, while I have you on the phone.

Is it possible to [REDACTED]

thanks

Jim Pivarnik

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Pivarnik, James - RIO" <rio@msu.edu> 8/24/2010 3:06 PM >>>

Thank you for the conversation

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Pivarnik, James - RIO" <rio@msu.edu> 8/24/2010 1:30 PM >>>

Julie,

If possible, I would like to speak with re: our case. Is there a good time I could call, and a good number to use?

Thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 8/13/2010 9:59 AM >>>

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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 2:41 PM
To: kent.casella@ur.msu.edu
Subject: FW: FW: Plagiarism in MSU study

Kent,

Here are the questions. I can do it online, or by phone. I think this is [REDACTED] and I feel [REDACTED] I particularly [REDACTED] Whaddya think?

Jim P

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Mon, 30 Aug 2010 13:32:33 -0400, "Pivarnik, James - RIO" <rio@msu.edu> wrote:

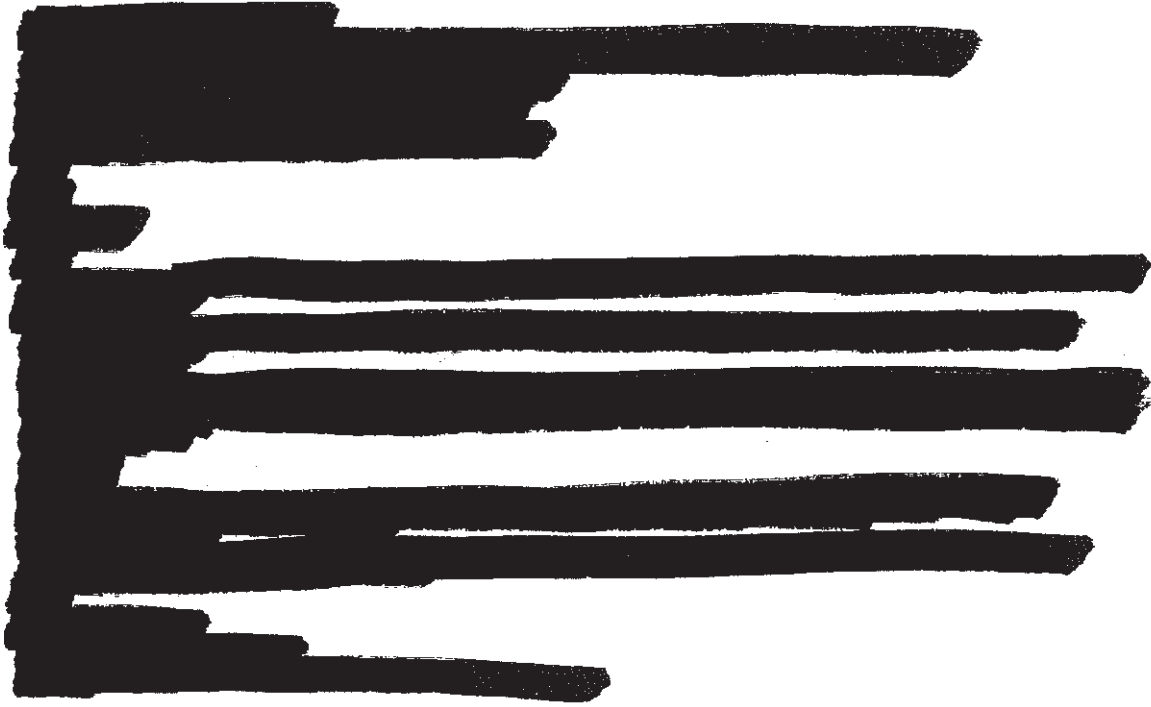
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> Jim Pivarnik

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jim Pivarnik [mailto:jimpiv@msu.edu]
> Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 12:54 PM
> To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
> Subject: Fwd: Plagiarism in MSU study

[REDACTED]



Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 3:02 PM
To: Cassella, Kent
Subject: RE: FW: Plagiarism in MSU study

thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 3:24 PM
To: Stephanie Elise Wang
Subject: RE: FW: Plagiarism in MSU study

no problem

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Mon, 30 Aug 2010 15:02:41 -0400, "Pivarnik, James - RIO" wrote:

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Elise Wang [mailto:stelisew@umich.edu [1]]
Sent: Mon 8/30/2010 2:36 PM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: Re: FW: Plagiarism in MSU study

Thanks for taking the time to answer these questions during a busy week!

1. Will you be reviewing the methods of Shakrani's entire study, or just the analysis portion? I WILL NOT BE REVIEWING THE METHODS, AS THEY WERE NOT CALLED TO MY ATTENTION FROM A RESEARCH MISCONDUCT STANDPOINT, ONLY SECTIONS OF THE TEXT.

2. Are professors held to the same standards as students, regarding plagiarism? OUR OFFICE DEALS WITH EVERY RESEARCH MISCONDUCT ALLEGATION THE SAME, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IS FACULTY, STAFF, OR STUDENT

3. What are the repercussions for professors who are caught plagiarizing?
OUR OFFICE IS NOT PART OF THAT PROCESS. OUR JOB ENDS IF/WHEN THERE IS A NONAPPEALABLE RESEARCH MISCONDUCT FINDING.

4. Are students and professors held to the same standards when it comes to plagiarism? I THINK THIS IS WHAT YOU ASKED ME IN #2, SO THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES.

If you could get the answers back to me as soon as possible before Tuesday night, that would be great!

Thanks again,
Stephanie
YOU ARE WELCOME, IF YOU NEED TO QUOTE ME DIRECTLY, YOU CAN USE THESE

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>>Envelope-to: jimpiv@msu.edu



Cornelison, Jered

[REDACTED]

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 8:11 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

I am available anytime in the morning (8-12 noon) on Thursday, September 2.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

Cornelison, Jered

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 9:09 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Cornelison, Jered

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 9:01 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

got it, thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelison, Jered

From: Jim Pivarnik [jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 8:04 AM
To: cornei24@msu.edu
Subject: Fwd: Re: wish to talk to you

FYI

>Envelope-to: jimpiv@msu.edu
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 07:30:16 -0400
>To: Jim Pivarnik <jimpiv@msu.edu>
>From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
>Subject: Re: wish to talk to you
>X-Virus: None found by Clam AV
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>Yes, that is great. Talk to you then.

>>how about 1 pm? I can call your office if that works

>>>Jim, could you and I talk very soon about the Shakrani case. i need

>>> [REDACTED] Can we talk any time tomorrow

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>>>Thanks.

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Cc: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: Fwd: wish to talk to you

Attachments: [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(KB)

Kent,

This email is why I called. Not sure [REDACTED] but I am speaking with her today at 1 pm. If [REDACTED]

Any suggestions? This does [REDACTED]

thanks
JP

>Envelope-to: jimpiv@msu.edu
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 22:28:30 -0400
>To: jimpiv@msu.edu
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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 8:53 AM
To: kent.cassella@ur.msu.edu
Cc: johns@msu.edu; cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: FW:

Kent,

Dr. Simon asked me to address this gentleman who asked her about this issue. I will forward that email as well.

Thanks

Jim P

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 8:51 AM
To: 'cdouglas@carrollton.k12.mi.us'
Subject:

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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 2:14 PM
To: laksimon@msu.edu
Subject: FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 1:26 PM
To: lasimon1@msu.edu; Gray, James
Subject: FW:

Drs. Simon and Gray, FYI, this is the response I received from Craig Douglas

Jim Pivarnik

[REDACTED]

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> Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 6:22 AM
To: Cassella, Kent
Subject: RE: <http://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/13434>

If by "she" you mean LKS, no, you saw everything that I saw in her email.
We can talk when you return, thanks Kent

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----
From: Pivarnik, James - RIO [rio@msu.edu]
Received: 9/6/10 5:56 PM
To: Cassella, Kent [Kent.Cassella@ur.msu.edu]
Subject: RE: <http://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/13434>

Kent,
Please call me tomorrow when you get in, I would like to discuss [REDACTED]

thanks
JP

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

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Received: 9/6/10 8:54 AM
To: Cassella, Kent [Kent.Cassella@ur.msu.edu]
CC: johns@msu.edu [johns@msu.edu]; cornel24@msu.edu [cornel24@msu.edu]
Subject: FW: <http://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/13434>

Here is the email that Dr. Simon sent me.

So how was your weekend?

From: Simon, Lou Anna
Sent: Sunday, September 05, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Cc: Gray, James; PresMail
Subject: FW: <http://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/13434>

Jim, we need to move this along rapidly. Please respond to this inquiry. Lou Anna

From: PresMail
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 12:57 PM
To: Simon, Lou Anna
Subject: FW: <http://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/13434>

Noto?

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Sep 7, 2010 at 11:19 AM, Pivarnik, James - RIO <rio@msu.edu> wrote:

Craig,

Yes, I saw that, thanks.

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Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 8:29 AM
To: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

Attachments: [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] (53 K...

Jered,

I have a PhD comp exam at 9 am, so I will be busy for a bit.

I looked at this, and I [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will [REDACTED]

I talked with Ian, [REDACTED]

I don't [REDACTED]

have [REDACTED]
if [REDACTED]

Let me know [REDACTED]

Talk to you later this morning.

Jim P

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO [mailto:rio@msu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 11:32 AM
To: kelleyt@msu.edu
Cc: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 12:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

OK, we are back in business. I would like to speak with you briefly about a research integrity matter (unrelated to you personally) as soon as it is convenient. Please call my cell phone at 517-643-1061. I will be travelling soon, so this is the best way to reach me.

Thank you

Jim Pivarnik
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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 3:31 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Confidential:

Thanks [REDACTED] something has come up last minute and I will need to delay our conversation. I will be in touch.

Jim Pivarnik

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO [mailto:rio@msu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 11:53 AM
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Subject: RE: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

Thank you for agreeing to [REDACTED] I will let you know when it is time for an initial meeting, which we will facilitate. Although I am sure that this goes without saying, please remember that anything related to this case (including your participation) is confidential.

thank you
Jim Pivarnik

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[REDACTED]

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From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 12:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

OK, we are back in business. I would like to speak with you briefly about a research integrity matter (unrelated to you personally) as soon as it is convenient. Please call my cell phone at 517-643-1061. I will be travelling soon, so this is the best way to reach me.

Thank you

Jim Pivarnik

-----Original Message-----

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 3:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

Please put the note I sent "on hold", as something has come up in the last few minutes related to what I needed to discuss with you (nothing to worry about). I will be in touch.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

-----Original Message-----

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Sun 9/19/2010 11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

This is Jim Pivarnik. I am sending this in my Research Integrity Officer role. I would like to chat with you briefly at your earliest convenience. Please respond to this note to let me know a good time/day/phone number. Alternatively, please feel free to try my cell phone at 643-1061.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 12:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

In case this note that I sent on Monday slipped by you, please see below.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

-----Original Message-----

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Mon 9/20/2010 2:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

Hello, this is Jim Pivarnik, I am the Research Integrity Officer here at MSU. I would like to speak with you briefly about a research integrity matter (unrelated to you personally) as soon as it is convenient. Please call my cell phone at 517-643-1061. I will be travelling tomorrow, and out of town for a few days, so this is the best way to reach me.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 3:49 PM
To: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: SS Case

Jerred,

I just spoke with [REDACTED] he has agreed [REDACTED] He does not [REDACTED]

thanks

Jim P

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 1:15 PM
To: cornel24@msu.edu
Cc: johns@msu.edu
Subject: [REDACTED]

Jered,

I just spoke with [REDACTED] He agreed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

thanks
Jim P

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 1:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you for [REDACTED]. While it should go without saying, I want to let you know that all conversations about this should be confidential. No one (other than [REDACTED] or someone from our office) should contact you about the case either.

I think I forgot to mention, [REDACTED] and, in many cases, [REDACTED]. In this case (which was made public by the Grand Rapids Press), [REDACTED]

You should be hearing about setting up a meeting in a week or so. In the meantime, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email to this address, or to call me at 432-6698 (RIO office), or 517-643-1061 (my RIO cell phone).

thanks again

Jim Pivarnik

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 8:31 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

That is correct. When you send out [REDACTED] please first tell him to let us know as soon as possible [REDACTED] Then tell him that if [REDACTED]

thanks
JP

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

looks good, go for it, both electronically, and mailbox please

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:18 PM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

I don't think we need those, cause that is pretty much irrelevant. And in one case, it was not [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelison, Jered

From: Jim Pivarnik [jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 1:35 PM
To: Gantert, Tom E.
Subject: Re: Hi, James. My name is Tom Gantert. I am a reporter.

Tom,

Thanks for your note. I can't comment specifically on any of our active cases, so I really can't add anything to what you have likely read in the newspapers.

thanks

Jim Pivarnik

>I work for Michigan Capitol Confidential, the news site of the Mackinac
>Center For Public Policy.
>
>What is the status of the plagiarism investigation on the work of
>Professor Shakrani?
>
>Thanks

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Cornelison, Jered

From: Jim Pivarnik [jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 6:06 AM
To: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: nothing from [REDACTED]

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Cornelison, Jered

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:22 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

Attachments: 10-5-10 draft [REDACTED] JP.doc



10-5-10 draft

[REDACTED] JP...

just a couple edits

I think that Theresa [REDACTED] and stated
that [REDACTED]

Please check with Kim to be sure.

thanks
JP

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelison, Jered

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 2:54 PM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

I did go through it. Seemed like [REDACTED] Is it possible to [REDACTED], whenever and wherever necessary, rather than duplicating it?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelison, Jered

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 8:21 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

sure, your suggestion seems fine, and should be fine with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 5:49 AM
To: Cassella, Kent
Subject: RE: Hi, Kent. My name is Tom Gantert. I am a reporter.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cassella, Kent [mailto:Kent.Cassella@ur.msu.edu]
Sent: Thu 10/14/2010 2:11 PM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: RE: Hi, Kent. My name is Tom Gantert. I am a reporter.

Jim,
I haven't replied yet. I may wait until he calls again.

I got this from Stan Sofffin, the ombudsman. He said that instructors usually conclude the process for charging a student with academic misconduct within the semester in which the misconduct occurs by issuing a penalty grade, either on the assignment or in the course. Students have until the middle of the next semester they are enrolled to contest an allegation of academic misconduct. CORRECT, STAN IS TALKING ABOUT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT. WE DO NOT HANDLE THAT, WE HANDLE RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

[For a definition of "academic misconduct," see the introduction to the Integrity of Scholarship and Grades policy.]

I need to clarify what you mentioned in your email. I believe you are referring to grad students and professional students doing research and that would involve your office. But students in a class would not involve your office. Is that right? I AM REFERRING TO ANYONE AT MSU WHO IS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH MISCONDUCT. THIS COULD INCLUDE AN UNDERGRADUATE DOING RESEARCH MISCONDUCT. LOOKING AT GANTERT'S EMAIL, HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER HE MEANT PLAGIARISM IN THE CLASSROOM (WHICH WE DO NOT DO), OR PLAGIARISM IN RESEARCH (WHICH WE HANDLE)

Thanks,
K

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO [mailto:rio@msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 5:15 PM
To: Cassella, Kent
Subject: RE: Hi, Kent. My name is Tom Gantert. I am a reporter.

I did hear from him, a week or so ago, and indicated to him that I do not discuss any ongoing case, and there is nothing new to report beyond what has already been printed. So that answers his first query, which was basically what he asked me.

Re: whether a student case takes as long as any other, the answer is yes, our office handles all cases the same, whether the respondent is a student, faculty, or administrator (or anyone else involved in research).

Call me if you need anything further.

Jim P

-----Original Message-----

From: Cassella, Kent [mailto:Kent.Cassella@ur.msu.edu]
Sent: Mon 10/11/2010 3:26 PM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO

Subject: FW: Hi, Kent. My name is Tom Gantert. I am a reporter.

Jim,

Have you heard from Gantert lately?

I'm looking into how long student cases take then I will determine how to respond. YOU ARE LOOKING INTO IT BY ASKING ME (SEE ABOVE). THIS IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH STUDENTS WHO PLAGIARIZE PAPERS IN CLASS. THAT IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT, THAT I DON'T DEAL WITH. BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT HE IS ASKING

K

From: Gantert, Tom E. [mailto:Gantert@mackinac.org]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 11:13 AM
To: Cassella, Kent
Subject: Hi, Kent. My name is Tom Gantert. I am a reporter.

I work for Michigan Capitol Confidential, the news site for the Mackinac Center For Public Policy.

I have a few questions I was trying to get information about.

- 1) What is the status of the MSU investigation into the plagiarism charge against Professor Sharif Shakrani? When will it be completed?
- 2) What is the timeline of an investigation of a student who is charged with plagiarism? Does it take a year to investigate student charges, as the media has reported Professor Shakrani's case will take?

Cornelison, Jered

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 9:46 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: confidential

I think it is fine to include Floden, but I think we need the following

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 1:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: This afternoon

Attachments: image001.gif

pretty much

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: jimpiv@msu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 1:29 PM
To: Stephanie Elise Wang
Cc: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: Re: Preliminary Assessment for Plagiarism Case

Stephanie,

Our Procedures call for confidentiality for any ongoing case, so I'm afraid I can't add anything to what you already know.

Jim Pivarnik

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: jimpiv@msu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 1:37 PM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: Fwd: Re: [REDACTED] Plagiarism Case
Attachments: Re: [REDACTED] Plagiarism Case

Cornelison, Jered

From: Jim Pivarnik [jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:24 AM
To: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: when is [REDACTED] going to meet again?

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Cornelison, Jered

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 11:06 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: meeting

[REDACTED]

There are no guidelines that indicate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the definition of plagiarism in our Procedures, and the Standard for Determination which is laid out in Section VII of the Procedures. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I hope this helps.

Thank you for your help on this

Jim Pivarnik

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 8:59 AM
To: PresMail
Subject: RE: From Today's Grand Rapids Press

Thank you, I noticed this one, or a similar one, the other day.

I don't see anything specific to respond to here, but if there is one, I will be happy to do so. This seems like an FYI, to you I suppose. But from what I see here, I am not sure why it was sent to you.

I can tell you that we are making as rapid progress as the Procedures allow.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

-----Original Message-----

From: PresMail
Sent: Thu 11/4/2010 8:29 AM
To: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Subject: FW: From Today's Grand Rapids Press

Good morning,

Per the president's request I am forwarding you this email from Craig Douglas. Pls handle as you deem appropriate.

Thank you,

Elvira

From: Simon, Lou Anna
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 8:25 AM
To: PresMail
Subject: Re: From Today's Grand Rapids Press

Yes

Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D.

President, Michigan State University

On Nov 3, 2010, at 10:59 AM, "PresMail" <presmail@pres.msu.edu> wrote:

James Pivarnik?

[REDACTED]

Cornelison, Jered

From: Jim Pivarnik [jimpiv@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: please check

OK, I also read the Oct 20 article from the Detroit FP that quoted [redacted] commenting on a story related to a superintendent getting a big raise. [redacted]

[redacted] I think the comment [redacted]

I also tried to [redacted] It seems [redacted]

[redacted]

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Jim Pivarnik [mailto:jimpiv@msu.edu]
>Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 9:55 AM
>To: cornel24@msu.edu
>Subject: please check

>
>Jered,
>
>Please check my response to LKS about the email she forwarded to the
>RIO this morning. Can you see anything that needs a response?

>
>I will be in a bit after noon

>
>JP
>--

>*****

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Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 10:49 AM
To: Cornelison, Jered
Subject: RE: 2010 1-04 RE: confidential

yes please, since we pretty much already have their blessing, let them know that if you do not hear anything [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 10:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Confidential:

Great, I will try to reach you around 3 pm or so

-----Original Message-----

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 7:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Confidential:

[REDACTED]

We are [REDACTED] If possible, I would like to speak with you today I will call you later this morning.

thank you

Jim Pivarnik

Sharif Shakrani

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 8/18/2010 8:52 AM >>>

Ms. Blankenhorn: Attached, please find brief responses to your letter of August 16, 2010 regarding School District Consolidation Study.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

August 18, 2010

Ms. Anne Blankenhorn
Policy Advisor
Senate Majority Policy Office
Michigan Senate
Lansing, MI 48915

Dear Ms. Blankenhorn:

Thank you for your letter of August 16, 2010 regarding the School District Consolidation Study in 10 Michigan Counties. I appreciate your astute questions and I shall do my best to answer them in the order asked in your letter.

1. There are few comprehensive research studies on consolidation of school districts in the United States. Duncombe and Yinger have been key researchers in the area of district consolidation and have published extensively in this area. The study conducted in Maine and Vermont were consolidating districts level up salaries and benefits to those of the most generous participating districts, thereby raising personnel costs and reducing savings. In my review of research studies I found that most studies came to the same conclusion that "sizable potential cost savings exist by moving from small school district of less than 2500 pupils to districts with more than 4000 pupils in both instructional and administrative costs."
2. Coordination of services is becoming more common among Michigan school districts. But it is on an ad hoc basis, especially administrative coordination. In my interviews with the 10 counties, I did not find one example of an ISD involved in the coordination of administrative services. It was always between two local school districts in close geographic proximity. Since there were so few administrative and instructional coordination in Michigan or elsewhere I could not determine a reliable estimate of saving from such coordination. However, coordination of "business services" such as business manager or Transportation manager are included under operations, maintenance, and transportation costs. If instructional coordination can be estimated, it would have added to the savings estimate.
3. The Booth Newspapers which requested and funded this study specified the 10 counties of interest to them due to their newspaper clients in these counties. Nevertheless, your point is well taken, the Upper Peninsula school districts with large geographic areas yet sparse student population would not benefit from the economy of scale due to consolidation. As I pointed out in the addendum, if bus travel time exceeds 45 minutes for a pupil, it becomes counterproductive and should be avoided. However coordination of transportation services among rural districts can be cost effective based on Indiana and Nebraska studies if it is programmed cooperatively.

When I calculated the statewide savings, I simply used the same model developed by Duncombe and Yinger. I recognize that for some the cost of transportation may be less under consolidation and for others it would stay the same by maintaining existing systems.

4. At the request of Booth Newspaper column R (Number of Special Education Students) was taken out. The reason is that some local school districts have a significantly high number of students

with severe disabilities because the districts serve as a center for neighboring districts or the county (In the past, many ISDs used to provide this service.) It was necessary to provide a footnote for each such district which added a lot of space. While data for that column (R) did not enter into the formula, we know that the cost of educating children with special needs is more expensive and tends to increase the average per student expenditure. Many school districts in Michigan enter into coordinated educational services to educate children with severe disabilities such as special cases of autism.

5. The transportation cost figure at the district level was obtained by subtracting the Total Support Services Cost (Column N) from the sum of Instructional Support Cost (B) plus the Business and Administrative Cost (J) plus Operation and Maintenance Total (L). The Data from the Michigan Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) does not provide a number for Transportation cost as separate categories. We checked with districts in the study about their transportation costs in the 2009-10 school year and the numbers seem comparable. District level transportation costs in the 10 counties varied significantly mostly due to contractual services and the size of the geographic area.

I hope the above information is helpful. This was a short study that relied on mathematical estimates derived from other states with different demographic, geographic, and administrative configuration of school districts and climate. Michigan recent history of school consolidation does not provide us with sufficient baseline data to more accurately project impact of consolidation at the local or county levels. The estimates in our short study may be high for some and low for others, but there is preponderance of evidence that consolidation of small and sparsely populated school districts or the coordination of the purchases of essential services will produce a cost saving to schools when such savings are needed to improve educational programs at the student level.

Sincerely,

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods & Senior Scholar
The Education Policy Center
Michigan State University

Sharif Shakrani

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 7/13/2010 2:23 PM >>>

Mr. Murray: I am available this Wednesday in the morning (8-11:45 a.m.). I am also available between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday I am not in the office on Thursday or Friday.

Please let me know if these times are workable for you.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 4:21 PM
To: 'Julie Hoogland'
Subject: FW: Estimated Cost Savings Table for the State of Michigan
Attachments: SharifTable 7.12.10.docx

Julie: Attached is the one page estimates for Michigan total cost saving under the County Level Consolidation and the Coordination of Services options. Because the majority of the counties (actually ISDs) are sparsely populated (40 out of the 57) the savings from coordination of services is more pronounced than for the 10 counties under consideration.

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Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 5:01 PM
To: 'Julie Hoogland'
Subject: FW: Updated Consolidation Report
Attachments: School District Consolidation Study Sharif Shakrani July 2010.docx; Consolidation Data Sharif Shakrani July 2010.pdf; Consolidation Data UpdatedSharif 7 8 10.xlsx

Julie: Attached please find the report (in WORD file) and two data attachments for the 10 counties. One is a PDF and one XCL with the formulas.

I will be in my office tomorrow between 8 and 10 a.m. if you need to reach me.

Sharif M. Shakrani
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Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 4:51 PM
To: 'jhoogland@grpre.com'
Subject: FW: Additional Data
Attachments: Consolidation Data Updated 7.1.10.xlsx

Attached are the tables for the 10 Counties in the study. The legend explains the headers on the table columns. The narrative will provide further explanation. Please call the office tomorrow for further questions.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:24 PM
To: 'Julie Hoogland'
Subject: RE: FW: School District Consolidation

Today. But please be careful with the tables I sent last Tuesday. The error is in the state CEPI files that we used

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 7/8/2010 11:47 AM >>>

Julie: We discovered a mathematical error in the cost estimate. I will send you an updated tables it effect (significantly) the Consolidation saving at the county level." Also, we have to take out the charter schools from the equations because they are exempt by law from any consolidation or coordination of services (if they do not volunteer to participate).

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

From: Sharif Shakrani [<mailto:shakrani@msu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, July 02, 2010 11:47 AM

To: 'Julie Hoogland'
Subject: FW: School District Consolidation

Julie: Attached are the tables for each County (Kent and Genesee Counties have two pages due to the larger number of schools there) the last Table on Each county is the savings for:

Operations (8% of Column L), Instructional Support and Technology (4% of Column B), Central Office Administration (35% of Column J) and Transportation (18% of columns (N-(B+J+L)

The Consolidation into a County level school would save the sum of the above variables.

The Coordination of Services would save the Operation and Transportation. The instructional support COULD contribute after 2-3 years of the coordination agreement due to existing contractual agreements.

All this will be explained in the report.

Sharif M. Shakrani

Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,

and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

From: makaraau@msu.edu [mailto:makaraau@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 02, 2010 11:30 AM
To: Shakrani, Sharif
Subject: School District Consolidation

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 10:17 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: Consolidation

Dr. Shakrani,

Thanks for the email, I'm glad that you had a chance to look at the data. The special education numbers were taken from the 2008-2009 CEPI: Students with disabilities data set that you recommended, while the pupil counts were taken from the CEPI 1014 for that year. I did double check these two columns, and am unsure why the number of special education students is higher than the actual pupil counts. I can contact CEPI on Monday when I return from vacation and try and find out, but am sure that these numbers reflect what is listed on their database. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Hope all is well.

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[REDACTED] Are the Special Education data accurate (col. R) in some cases they are much more than Pupil count (col. Q) which is not possible?

Sharif M. Shakrani

Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,

and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 5:42 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation

Dr. Shakrani,

Attached is the final version of the spread sheet. The number of school administrators (the last column) is not complete. I have worked to try and get these data, but have been unsuccessful. Please let me know if you can help get the FID data or find another source for the number of central administrators. All of the other data are accurate and complete. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to meet this week. I am out of town all next week, so I would like to finalize this by Friday if possible.

I hope all is well.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

Sharif Shakrani

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 7/2/2010 11:25 AM >>>
I am having trouble sending you e-mail. Can you tell me what I can do?

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: shakrani@msu.edu
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 2:49 PM
To: shakrani@msu.edu
Subject: From LJWorld.com: 'Audit looks at school district consolidation'

sharif Shakrani sent you this:

Audit looks at school district consolidation

<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/feb/08/audit-looks-school-district-consolidation/>

sharif Shakrani attached this additional message:

School District Consolidation issues

LJWorld.com top emailed stories:

Lawrence developer David Freeman gets 18-month sentence in bribery case, attorney says client discussed KU Athletics scandal with FBI, IRS
<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/apr/22/lawrence-developer-david-freeman-gets-18-month-pri/>

1970: Stormy year reshaped many lives
<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/apr/22/1970-stormy-year-reshaped-many-lives/>

Plano sophomore Zach Peters picks Kansas <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/apr/21/plano-sophomore-zach-peters-picks-kansas/>

Eating up the landscape: Permaculture proves a yard can wield more than grass
<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/apr/21/eating-landscape-permaculture-proves-yard-can-wiel/>

Tea party anger has racial tone
<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/apr/22/tea-party-anger-has-racial-tone/>

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 10:56 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: FW: School consolidation study, please proceed.

Dr. Shakrani,
Thanks for sending this. I'll get to work on some initial numbers this weekend. See you Tuesday.

[REDACTED]
On Thu, May 20, 2010 at 11:55 AM, Sharif Shakrani <shakrani@msu.edu> wrote:

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 9:01 AM
To: 'Sharif Shakrani'
Subject: RE: Research format

[REDACTED] I got this message but it had no attachment.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods, and Co-Director of the Education Policy
Center at MSU

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:57 AM
To: shakrani@msu.edu
Subject: FW: Research format

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 8:48 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Research format

Dr. Shakrani,
Attached is the proposed spread sheet format for the consolidation project.
Please let me know what you think so I can continue to collect data.
best regards,
[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:49 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: Consolidation

Thanks Dr. Shakrani. I'm still not sure where I can get the information regarding the number of central office personnel. I will take another look through the data, but am worried that these data are not available. Please let me know if there are other places I should be looking for this information. Thanks again.

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Jun 7, 2010 at 10:06 AM, Sharif Shakrani <shakrani@msu.edu> wrote:

The identified variables (with the addition of the number of central office personnel) are what we have to go with for the sake of time. Just make sure that the table is efficient in term of width of columns to fit on one or two pages.

If you are not going to use the NCES disks, please give them back to me so I can use them for the MDE achievement study. Thanks.

Sharif M. Shakrani

**Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation

Dr. Shakrani,
I hope you had a wonderful weekend and that things are well. Did you have a chance to look over the formatting spreadsheet for the consolidation project? I am concerned about time line, and need to start collecting the data as soon as possible. Please let me know if the proposed format works, or if other things need to be included. Thanks again for all of your help, I really appreciate it.
Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: Consolidation

Hi Sharif,

I can meet on Friday at 11, but am unable to meet tomorrow because of a couple of meetings that were already scheduled and class in the afternoon. Please let me know if you would prefer to meet after 11:30 am on Friday or before 9:30 am.

Hope all is well,
[REDACTED]

On Wed, Jun 9, 2010 at 3:24 PM, Sharif Shakrani <shakrani@msu.edu> wrote:

[REDACTED] Can you stop by my office tomorrow before 11:00 a.m. I have additional data sources from CEPI.

Sharif M. Shakrani

Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,

and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 2:22 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation

Attached is a more recent file that has Allegan, Bay and Genesee counties complete. My goal is to finish this by Monday, if not before.

Hope all is well,
[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 7:39 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation update
Attachments: Consolidation data.xlsx

Dr. Shakrani,

Attached is the most recent version of the consolidation spreadsheet I have been working on. Please note that the first five counties are complete (Allegan, Bay, Genesee, Jackson, and Kalamazoo). I will have some time today and tomorrow and will try and finish another county or two (although Kent may take a while). Please let me know if you have any questions, and I'll see you Friday morning.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 9:15 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation data new
Attachments: Consolidation data.xlsx

See attached for the most recent consolidation data.

Thanks

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 8:08 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation

Dr. Shakrani,
I have finished all 10 counties, but cannot access the FID file on my computer for some reason. Is there a time that we can meet to try and figure this out. All of the information that you requested except the number of administrators per district is completed. Please let me know if you are going to be around today or tomorrow.
Hope all is well,
[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Cc: Cindy Robinson
Subject: Re: Consolidation

Hi Dr. Shakrani,

The counties are all their separate spreadsheets. You may switch between counties by clicking on the various tabs at the bottom. Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding this.

best regards,
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Jun 29, 2010 at 9:34 AM, Sharif Shakrani <shakrani@msu.edu> wrote:

[REDACTED] Where are the other counties? Please contact Cindy Robinson in my office who can address technical issues related to formatting.

Sharif M. Shakrani

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and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 5:42 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation

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Attached is the final version of the spread sheet. The number of school administrators (the last column) is not complete. I have worked to try and get these data, but have been unsuccessful. Please let me know if you can help get the FID data or find another source for the number of central administrators. All of the other data are accurate and complete. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to meet this week. I am out of town all next week, so I would like to finalize this by Friday if possible.

I hope all is well.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 10:16 AM
To: Shakrani, Sharif
Subject: Updated Consolidation Data
Attachments: Consolidation Data Updated.xlsx

Sharif-

Here is the updated school county data. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
201 Erickson Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824
(517) 432-3255

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 10:17 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: Consolidation

Dr. Shakrani,

Thanks for the email, I'm glad that you had a chance to look at the data. The special education numbers were taken from the 2008-2009 CEPI: Students with disabilities data set that you recommended, while the pupil counts were taken from the CEPI 1014 for that year. I did double check these two columns, and am unsure why the number of special education students is higher than the actual pupil counts. I can contact CEPI on Monday when I return from vacation and try and find out, but am sure that these numbers reflect what is listed on their database. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Hope all is well.

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I hope all is well.

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 11:36 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: web site for administrators
Attachments: Consolidation Data Updated 7.1.10.xlsx

Sharif-

Here are the updated spreadsheets that include data in column X. I was unable to find some districts and left them blank in the spreadsheet.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
201 Erickson Hall
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Quoting Sharif Shakrani <shakrani@msu.edu>:

<http://michigan.educationbug.org/school-districts/by-countyA-K.html>

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Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:58 PM
To: Shakrani, Sharif
Subject: School District Consolidation Study
Attachments: School District Consolidation Study.docx; Historical Perspective of Education in Michigan Public Schools.docx

Sharif-

Here is the consolidation study paper and graph thus far. I will add the last section and send it to you when finished. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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East Lansing, MI 48824
(517) 432-3255

Sharif Shakrani

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Consolidation project

Dr. Shakrani,
Hope you have had a nice summer. Just checking in to see if you needed any help finishing up the consolidation project for the newspaper company that we worked on earlier in the summer, or if you needed any account information from me to transfer funds. I have comps in two weeks, so I would prefer to get this wrapped up this week if possible.
best regards,

[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 8/10/2010 1:26 PM >>>

Julie: That is correct. Of course not everybody does that, some are forced to save because of reliance on property tax in many states, which may be significantly reduced due to economic conditions.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 8/10/2010 12:18 PM >>>

Julie: Sorry for the delay, our computer was being "serviced". I checked the literature about the "annual savings" and the experiences of other states are that the saving does not continue on an annual basis. The reason is that schools tend to use the funds for "instructional improvements", technology, and to adjust for inflation or increases in salaries. But the most important use of the saving is to close or pay for "Capital Outlay" expenses.

I made all the changes we talked about yesterday and included the addendum to the main narrative.

Sharif M. Shakrani

Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods.

Sharif Shakrani

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 8/10/2010 3:59 PM >>>

Julie: Changes were made for the data and narrative as per our discussion.

Sharif M. Shakrani

**Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU**

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 12:18 PM
To: 'Julie Hoogland'
Subject:

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Sharif M. Shakrani

Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 2:00 PM
To: 'Carole Ames'
Subject: Meeting with Pivarnik

Carole: I will be meeting with Pivarnik tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in 107 Olds Hall.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 8:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

I think I said Academic Publication. It was the data analysis that is what the newspaper wanted.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 9:27 AM
To: 'Thomas White'
Subject: RE: A Question
Attachments: School District Consolidation Study Sharif Shakrani July 2010 (2).docx;
ConsolidationDataSHAKRANIJULY10.xlsx

Tom: Sorry for the delay in responding, I was out for three weeks. I am attaching a copy of the report I prepared. You may get a call about coordination of services among school districts in Michigan.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

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[REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 5:59 PM
To: 'Sharif Shakrani'; 'Julie Hoogland'
Subject: AAAS Article

<http://www.aasa.org/uploadedFiles/Resources/files/OneYearLater%20FINAL.pdf>

Note page 9 where the sample size is 870 so $366/870=42\%$, $316/870=36\%$, $279/870=32\%$, and $176/870=20\%$

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Sharif Shakrani

From: Sharif Shakrani [shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 1:49 PM
To: 'Carole Ames'
Subject: FW: need to meet with Pivarnik

Carole: I called Mr. Pivarnik office to set up a meeting ASAP. His assistant informed that he is not in today, but she will contact him by phone and will call me back about time tomorrow morning. I told her that I will make myself available anytime tomorrow.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods, and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 1:06 PM
To: 'Sharif Shakrani'
Subject: FW: need to meet with Pivarnik

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

-----Original Message-----

From: Carole Ames [mailto:cames@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 12:10 PM
To: shakrani@msu.edu
Subject: need to meet with Pivarnik

Sharif, I have talked to Jim Pivarnik who is the Research Integrity Officer of the university. You will need to meet with him tomorrow--preferably first thing in the morning. He asks that you call his office and set up a time to meet. His office number is 432-6698. His office is expecting you to call and set this up as soon as possible. Please let me know when you have done so and when you will be meeting with him. Thanks.

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Carole Ames
Dean
College of Education
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48823
517-355-1734

Sharif Shakrani

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 12:01 PM
To: Henion, Andy
Subject: FW: The study is criticized.

Mr. Henion: My response.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu> 8/20/2010 9:47 AM >>>

Julie: The New York study, which is the basis for our analysis, was released in 2001 and used data collected over the previous ten years. In May of 2010, the School Administrator a publication of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) published an article by Duncombe and Yinger (the authors of the New York Study) they reiterated their previous findings and the cost saving. In 2007, an article by the same two researchers was published by "Education Finance and Policy" in which they reiterated their 2001 findings. To the best of knowledge there are NO

recent research studies that analyze empirical data from school finance while controlling for student variables (achievement, graduation rates, and course taking patterns) as the New York study. I am not sure that proportions of school expenditures for different functions have changed significantly over the past 20 years. The Mackinac Center needs to read the paper more carefully. I clearly state that consolidation and the economy of scale are much more effective for small districts in population. In fact large districts of 100,000 or more students benefit more from breaking up into smaller districts. The paper clearly point out that this mathematical estimates overestimate for some (large districts) and underestimate for others (small district). In Michigan, MOST of our districts are small.

If Mr. Van Beek knows of a more precise and accurate model to estimate impact of consolidations or coordination of services, then I will be happy to apply it to Michigan data. I contend that my estimate model for coordination of services is too conservative because it does not include the more recent increase of administrative and instructional coordination among small and rural districts in Michigan. I believe, based on all the studies I reviewed, that the estimates for Coordination of Services at the District level are achievable and may be minimal for most small districts.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

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Sharif Shakrani

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[REDACTED]

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 12:47 PM
To: Wu, Angela
Subject: RE: Article about school district consolidation study

Ms. Wu: I can call you today at 3:00 p.m. EST if that is alright with your schedule.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

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Sharif Shakrani

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[REDACTED]

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 3:48 PM
To: Wu, Angela
Subject: RE: Article about school district consolidation study

Sorry. I was waiting for a response. I will call as soon as possible.

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 12:47 PM
To: Wu, Angela
Subject: RE: Article about school district consolidation study

Subject: Fwd: Plagiarism accusation
From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 23:48:59 -0400
To: bschmidt@msu.edu, floden@msu.edu

Obviously this is serious. I only got a phone call from Nicole tonight. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I saw Sharif today at the ice cream social so I know he is in town. This is the policy center and hence, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Envelope-to: comes@msu.edu
From: Nicole Geary <ngeary@msu.edu>
To: Cass Book <cassbook@msu.edu>, Andy Henion <Andy.Henion@ur.msu.edu>, "floden@msu.edu" <floden@msu.edu>, "kent.cassella@ur.msu.edu" <kent.cassella@ur.msu.edu>, Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>, "bschmidt@msu.edu" <bschmidt@msu.edu>, "shakrani@msu.edu" <shakrani@msu.edu>
Subject: Plagiarism accusation
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 21:54:38 -0400
X-Virus: None found by Clam AV

Hi,

I just got off the phone with GR Press education editor Julie Hoogland who alerted me to this. The Mackinaw Center is accusing MSU and the Education Policy Center of plagiarism in a report/study on school district consolidation commissioned by Booth newspapers. See the links below. Julie said that the paper talked to Sharif for an article in tomorrow's paper- I don't know for sure what other news coverage this is getting. The study itself was having some positive coverage and impact. Anyway the GR Press wants to talk to someone else from the university tomorrow to see how we are responding to the matter. I will call in the morning but please let me know what you think needs to be done. Obviously a more careful understanding of the allegation and discussion with Sharif is in order. I apologize if I am already behind on this -- figured I should do what I could while on vacation.

<http://www.mackinac.org/13406>

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/08/mackinac_center_says_msu_profe.html

http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/08/michigan_may_offer_financial_i.html

Sent from my iPhone

Carole Ames
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College of Education
Michigan State University

Fwd: Plagiarism accusation

East Lansing, MI 48823
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Subject: Shakrani
From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 10:27:13 -0400
To: fl oden@msu.edu

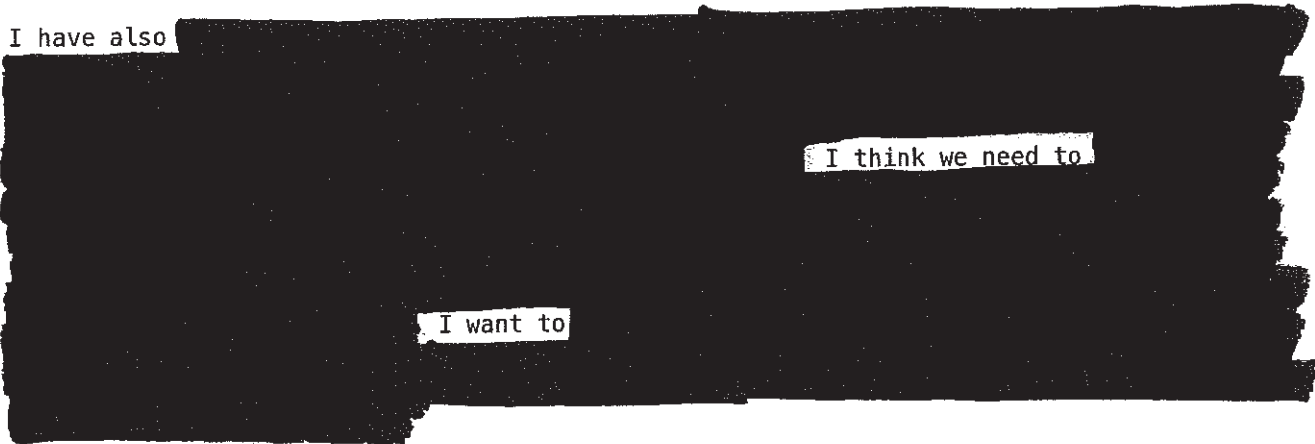
I have now read his article [REDACTED] I don't [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am wondering if [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It may not [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] What did Jim P. say as our next step.

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Subject: Shakrani
From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 13:17:22 -0400
To: fl oden@msu.edu

Talked to Jim P. and the first step is that he will meet with Sharif tomorrow. I'm trying to get in touch with Sharif to set up a meeting.

I have also



I think we need to

I want to

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Subject: Fwd: RE: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]
From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 17:27:57 -0400
To: fl oden@msu.edu

see my note to him and his response. It appears that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I don't think [REDACTED]

Envelope-to: comes@msu.edu
From: "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu>
To: "Carole Ames" <comes@msu.edu>
Subject: RE: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 15:30:26 -0400
Thread-Index: Acs/xmH5tY3W3C0LS6mDEee4tXTSMQACMuFg
X-Virus: None found by Clam AV
Carole: [REDACTED]

Sharif Shakrani

From: Carole Ames [mailto:comes@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 1:46 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

Sharif-- [REDACTED] Please read immediately

[REDACTED]

Sharif M. Shakrani
Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Co-Director of the Education Policy Center at MSU

Carole: [REDACTED]

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Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 9:59 AM
To: 'Julie Hoogland'
Subject: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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P.S. Mr. Thomas White can be reached at: 517 515 1604.

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 9:44 AM
To: 'Sharif Shakrani'
Subject: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

Sharif M. Shakrani

**Professor of Measurement and Quantitative Methods,
and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU**

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 4:24 PM
To: 'juliehoogland@TDS.net'
Subject: FW: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

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From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 12:45 PM
To: 'JHoogland@grpress.com'
Subject: School Consolidation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Fwd: accusation update
From: Carole Ames <cames@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 17:29:00 -0400
To: fl oden@msu.edu

FYI

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: Shakrani paper
From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 11:31:55 -0400
To: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>

I think [REDACTED]

Edited version attached. Take a look. I think [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I plan to convert to pdf and put this up on the web site tomorrow.

I have kept Sharif informed and have sent him a copy of this.

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Subject: Shakrani paper
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Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 15:04:47 -0400
To: fl oden@msu.edu

[REDACTED] this paper was written by Sharif [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It does appear [REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: IMPORTANT FOIA request
From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 15:54:20 -0400
To: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>

Yes, I think we should provide paper copies. Angel will bring you a copy of the FOIA request.

Sharif just came in to talk about this. He says all the correspondence is email (including some attachments), which he can pull together this weekend.

Do you know whether these should all be printed, rather than given the FOIA officer electronic copy? I assume so.

Could you also send me a copy of the FOIA request?

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Sharif, I believe this refers to all correspondence that you have had with anyone external or internal (e.g. grad student) re. this study and paper. Please note that this is incoming as well as outgoing correspondence. This is being requested by Tom McMillin, State Representative 45th District. This file must be sent to my office and we will forward it. Please do not send it directly to him or to any campus office. We are asked to provide this information by September 9, 2010. If you cannot make that deadline, I will need reasons now. Please make paper copies of all documents and once compiled, send them to my office.

The FOIA is actually to me, Book, Floden, and Shakrani. We will each need to sign off on a document that indicates we have provided all records or that there are no records.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: Fwd: brief response for Q to presmail

From: Cassandra Book <cassbook@msu.edu>

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 10:53:13 -0400

To: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>, carole <comes@msu.edu>, Nicole Geary <ngeary@msu.edu>

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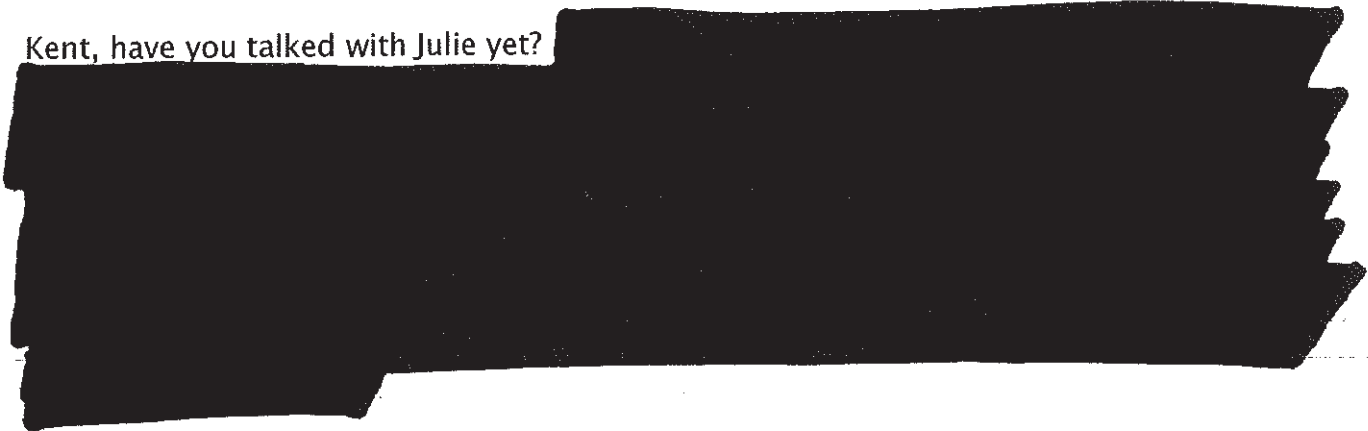
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: brief response for Q to presmail
From: Cassandra Book <cassbook@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 15:33:53 -0400
To: "Cassella, Kent" <Kent.Cassella@ur.msu.edu>
CC: carole <comes@msu.edu>, "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>

Kent, have you talked with Julie yet?

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I would be interested in your conversation with Julie. Thanks for taking the lead on this matter. Cass

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From: Cassandra Book [mailto:cassbook@msu.edu]

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 11:39 AM

To: Cassella, Kent

Cc: Henion, Andy

Subject: Re: brief response for Q to presmail

I just talked with Nicole Geary and she would appreciate it if you would call Julie Hoogland at the Grand Rapids Press. Julie is the education editor who commissioned the study. They of course are dealing with the plagiarism charge as well. Julie alerted Nicole to the allegation and asked that someone from the university contact her. Are you able to do so? She can be reached at 616 222-5417. Please advise if you will do this. Thanks. Cass

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Cassandra Book
Associate Dean
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Subject: consolidation
From: "David Arsen" <arsen@msu.edu>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 09:23:13 -0400
To: <floden@msu.edu>

I just returned yesterday from a family vacation on Isle Royale (No Internet!). Noticed the plagiarism story in the Detroit Free Press. You are quoted as saying the results of the research are not at issue. I just looked at the report. 

David

Subject: district collaboration
From: "David D. Arsen" <arsen@msu.edu>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 12:28:10 -0400
To: <floden@msu.edu>

I mentioned that one of my doctoral students is doing his dissertation research on cost savings associated with ISD provision of local district services. He's naturally been quite interested in recent developments. He sent me a summary timeline of the story's media hits. It's attached. I can't vouch for it. He also sent me a 300-page pdf document with the actual stories and comments. I've only glanced at it. You're quoted here and there. At least one story obtained comments from Duncombe (who hadn't yet seen the report). There also are quotes from an ISD superintendent (Genesee) who earlier this summer agreed to provide us with financial records to assess the consequences of fairly extensive service collaboration in that county.

I just checked Mackinac's homepage where the story is still featured.

David

Summary of Consolidation Report Events - Policy Center - B.doc	Content-Type: application/msword Content-Encoding: base64
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Subject: your call
From: Jim Pivarnik <jimpiv@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 17:25:52 -0400
To: fl oden@msu.edu

Bob,

Sorry Bob, I was out of town all day, and mostly out of cell phone range as well. I suspect that you were calling about the article in the Grand Rapids Press, and elsewhere. If so, I am fully aware of the situation and am dealing with it as I would with any such incident.

Feel free to get in touch if you have any procedural questions, or if I am mistaken about why you called.

thanks

JP

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Check out the following URL to see what's happening in the Human Energy Research Laboratory (HERL) at Michigan State University!

<http://ed-web3.educ.msu.edu/herl/>

Check out the new Center For Physical Activity and Health (CPAH)!!

<http://www.msu.edu/~cpah>

Subject: RE: Paper to replace current paper in EPC Web Site
From: "Justin Rappaport" <rappapo7@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 15:26:44 -0400
To: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>

Ok great!

-Justin

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert E. Floden [<mailto:floden@msu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 3:26 PM
To: Justin Rappaport
Cc: Carole Ames
Subject: Re: Paper to replace current paper in EPC Web Site

Dave Dai says he has access. He'll give you a call.

On 9/3/10 3:01 PM, Justin Rappaport wrote:

Hi Bob,

I just got back from lunch with Cass - and I'm trying to track this down.

I

don't have the username and password to update the EPC.MSU.EDU website - only items that are addressed 'educ.msu.edu' or 'education.msu.edu' - so I was trying to get a hold of Lisa or Cindy who may know how to obtain this information, but both are out of the office today. I'm also 'playing phone tag' with Lisa - and hate to bug her on her day off, but if she can help

get

me access I'll definitely get it up as soon as I can.

-Justin

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert E. Floden [<mailto:floden@msu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 12:30 PM
To: justin rappaport

Subject: Paper to replace current paper in EPC Web Site

I attach the revised version of the paper.

I should replace what is currently at the link:

http://www.epc.msu.edu/documents/SchoolDistrictConsolidationStudy_Aug2010_00

1.pdf

Please change take that paper down and make sure this link file name has a September, rather than August date.

Please do this today.

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Paper to replace current paper in EPC Web Site
From: "Justin Rappaport" <rappapo7@msu.edu>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 09:37:56 -0400
To: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>

Done.

-Justin

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert E. Floden [<mailto:floden@msu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 2:44 PM
To: Justin Rappaport
Subject: Re: Paper to replace current paper in EPC Web Site

I inadvertantly left the data pages off the Shakrani paper.

I attach a version with these pages added. Please replace what is there is this version.

Thanks.

On 9/3/10 3:42 PM, Justin Rappaport wrote:

Updated the document on the server with this latest one. Let me know if it's still not showing up properly and I'll try to troubleshoot with you. Thanks!

-Justin

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert E. Floden [<mailto:floden@msu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 3:40 PM
To: Justin Rappaport
Subject: Re: Paper to replace current paper in EPC Web Site

Not the right one up now.

Here's the right one.

On 9/3/10 3:34 PM, Justin Rappaport wrote:

Updated. Please check to confirm the document is correct and let me know if any changes are needed.

-Justin

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database 5428 (20100906) _____

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<http://www.eset.com>

Subject: RE: FW: study report
From: "Sharif Shakrani" <shakrani@msu.edu>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2010 11:41:47 -0400
To: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>

Bob: The EPC new article you posted has no data from the 10 counties and a couple of spelling errors.

Sharif M. Shakrani
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and Senior Scholar, the Education Policy Center at MSU

From: Robert E. Floden [mailto:floden@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 5:30 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: FW: study report

I did [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I plan to replace what is on the web site with this tomorrow.

On 9/2/10 4:07 PM, Sharif Shakrani wrote:
Consolidation Paper

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Subject: EPC paper
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 16:14:36 -0400
To: Sharif Shakrani <shakrani@msu.edu>

I looked at the revised version of your paper.

In the Addendum, you give a citation at the end of the first three paragraphs, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Similarly for the bullets on p. 5 -- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: IMPORTANT FOIA request
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 15:31:52 -0400
To: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>

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Subject: paper on web site
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 15:55:04 -0400
To: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>

Revised version now up.

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Sharif Shakrani

From: Robert E. Floden [floden@msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: Re: FW: A Question
Attachments: School District Consolidation Study Sharif Shakrani Sept 3 2010.pdf

I apologize. I was working from the Word file, which didn't have the data pages.

I attach a revised version with the data. Only other change is the date on title page.

I don't have permissions needed to edit the EPC web site. I'll send this to Justin Rappoport, our college web master, who should be able to make the replacement first thing tomorrow.

On 9/6/10 12:48 PM, Sharif Shakrani wrote:

Bob: Here are the data for the 10 counties. This is an Excel file that needs to be converted to a PDF file before placing it on the EPC website. Cindy can do that, unless we can access the report that was on the EPC website last week.

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Sharif Shakrani

From: Van Beek, Michael [VanBeek@mackinac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:31 PM
To: Sharif Shakrani
Subject: RE: Questions about consolidation study

Prof. Shakrani,

Thank you for the response. Sorry if this seems like splitting hairs, but I think the FID data sheet from CEPI does in fact disaggregate general and building administration costs. Function code 230 is labeled "General Administration" and function code 240 is "School Administration." I'm getting this data from here:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/cepi/2008-09_FID_excel_EXP_summary_323191_7.zip. That might be useful for nailing down a more exact figure.

Also, did you use estimates from Florida, Maryland and Virginia to calculate the impact on countywide consolidation for the other spending categories (operations and maintenance, instructional support, transportation) or are all those figures from the 2001 Duncombe study?

Since state level estimates are difficult to estimate, do you think the \$612 million statewide estimate is accurate enough for policy decision-making or should it be taken with some significant qualifiers?

Thanks again,
Michael

From: Sharif Shakrani [mailto:shakrani@msu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:01 PM
To: Van Beek, Michael
Subject: RE: Questions about consolidation study

Mr. Van Beek: Thank you for your memo. I am presently out of the office and do not have access to the data used in the study.

I think the relevant and more research based data are the analysis of the 10 counties. I think these outcomes are worthy of discourse. The addendum with the state level estimates may or may not be valid because there are no estimate models developed for Florida, or Virginia or Maryland to inform us about the impact of consolidation at the county level. However their general administrative (unitized) is significantly less than Michigan and other states with large number of districts.

Michigan data (CEPI) does not give a break down between general administration and building administration. It just gives one number for the total. So I had to estimate what portion of the total was at the building level and what portion at the central level. I found that in the three States with countywide districts (FL, MD, and VA) the percent of central administrative cost of the total administrative cost was just about 15% less than Michigan. This is a more conservative number than the 2001 study. Often a countywide superintendent may hire "regional" associates which raises the cost and makes it more reasonable to use the 15% figure.

I do not agree with the statement that the study applies to districts with 1500 or less. There are studies in Kansas (who is moving toward countywide schools), Wisconsin and, Pennsylvania that used Duncombe study and found that consolidation saved money for school districts with 6000 students.

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From: Van Beek, Michael [mailto:VanBeek@mackinac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:41 AM
To: shakrani@msu.edu
Subject: Questions about consolidation study

Prof. Shakrani,

After reading your study on school district consolidation in Michigan, I have several questions pertaining to the study's methodology and applicability. I'd greatly appreciate your response to these questions.

1. The authors of the 2001 study that you cited as the basis for your calculations concluded: "We find no support for the use of state tax dollars to encourage consolidation among districts with 1,500 or more pupils." How do you justify applying their findings to the entire state of Michigan, especially since the vast majority of total school costs come from the districts with more than 1,500 pupils?
2. In the 2001 study, the predictive model produced an 8 percent savings rate for operating costs ("all but capital"). In your study, the 8 percent projected savings seems to be attached to "operations and maintenance." These are different spending categories. Where did the 8 percent you use for predicted savings for "operations and maintenance" come from?
3. The data used in your study for total state spending comes from NCES. You mention that charter schools will not be considered as part of the consolidation study. However, the NCES data does include charter school spending. Doesn't that inflate the estimating savings predictions?
4. For district consolidation, your study does not include capital costs. The 2001 study that you use as a source did include capital costs and found that they actually increased after districts consolidated. Shouldn't capital costs be included in the calculation?
5. It appears like many of the percentages your study used to calculate potential savings rates came from Table 6 of the 2001 study. There seems to be two potential issues here. First, that table represents cost-savings over a 12-year period, while your study presented them over a three-year period. Additionally, the administrative savings estimate that you use (15 percent) does not appear in Table 6 of the 2001 study, nor anywhere else. Furthermore, your study does not specify where you got any of these figures. Can you tell me precisely where your figures come from based on the 2001 study?

Thanks for your consideration of these issues, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully,
Michael Van Beek

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Sharif Shakrani

From: Carole Ames [comes@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 12:52 PM
To: shakrani@msu.edu
Subject: School District Consolidation Study

Sharif, I know this work was commissioned by the Press. [REDACTED]

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From: Bettie Landauer-Menchik <menchikb@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 08:50:13 -0400
To: Bob Floden <floden@msu.edu>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Hi, Professor Floden. My name is Tom Gantert. I'm a reporter.
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 08:49:39 -0400
From: Gantert, Tom E. <Gantert@mackinac.org>
To: <menchikb@msu.edu>
CC: <floden@msu.edu>

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The Mackinac Center has claimed that about 800 words of the study done on school consolidation was plagiarized.

The Mackinac Center had plagiarizing software that shows where this happens.

I'd like to discuss this with you and also find out what standards for attribution the Education Policy Center has for studies.

Thanks.

My number is 517 789-8582.

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Subject: Shakrani

From: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>

Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:34:27 -0400

To: fl oden@msu.edu

Bob, I
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[REDACTED] I
[REDACTED] It was also [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In any case, the Egypt project may be
more complicated than we think and obviously Marcy will have some input and oversight but
just want to make sure that you also look it over carefully.

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Re: The study is criticized.

Subject: Re: The study is criticized.

From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>

Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 19:08:30 -0400

To: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>

fyi. From Mackinaw Center.

Mentions plagiarism in first sentence, but mostly disputes Sharif's methods of analysis. I suspect [REDACTED]

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Re: EPC

Subject: Re: EPC
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 19:10:13 -0400
To: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>
CC: bschmidt@msu.edu

Worth discussing what steps to take, but [REDACTED] I think.

On 8/19/10 5:30 PM, Carole Ames wrote:

I [REDACTED] I think at some point we should talk about what actions might be taken [REDACTED] I think further actions will be required to [REDACTED]

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Subject: Shakrani response to MC criticism
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 09:54:27 -0400
To: Carole Ames <came@msu.edu>, Bill Schmidt <bschmidt@msu.edu>

FYI.

On 8/20/10 9:47 AM, Sharif Shakrani wrote:

Julie: The New York study, which is the basis for our analysis, was released in 2001 and used data collected over the previous ten years. In May of 2010, the School Administrator a publication of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) published an article by Duncombe and Yinger (the authors of the New York Study) they reiterated their previous findings and the cost saving. In 2007, an article by the same two researchers was published by "Education Finance and Policy" in which they reiterated their 2001 findings. To the best of knowledge there are NO recent research studies that analyze empirical data from school finance while controlling for student variables (achievement, graduation rates, and course taking patterns) as the New York study. I am not sure **that proportions** of school expenditures for different functions have changed significantly over the past 20 years. The Mackinac Center needs to read the paper more carefully. I clearly state that consolidation and the economy of scale are much more effective for small districts in population. In fact large districts of 100,000 or more students benefit more from breaking up into smaller districts. The paper clearly point out that this mathematical estimates overestimate for some (large districts) and underestimate for others (small district). In Michigan, MOST of our districts are small.

If Mr. Van Beek knows of a more precise and accurate model to estimate impact of consolidations or coordination of services, then I will be happy to apply it to Michigan data. I contend that my estimate model for coordination of services is too conservative because it does not include the more recent increase of administrative and instructional coordination among small and rural districts in Michigan. I believe, based on all the studies I reviewed, that the estimates for Coordination of Services at the District level are achievable and may be minimal for most small districts.

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Re: Shakrani

Subject: Re: Shakrani
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 18:56:36 -0400
To: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>

OK.

On 8/20/10 4:17 PM, Carole Ames wrote:

I was told by Jim P. that we will get no information or updates or anything on the Shakrani case. It is totally confidential. I find [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In any case, I think we should probably set a time to meet [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let's wait for a week or so [REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: Sharif's article
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 21:14:18 -0400
To: Carole Ames <comes@msu.edu>

I'm currently flexible on Friday. There's an off chance I'll have to go to Grand Rapids, but that's not looking likely at present.

On 8/24/10 8:57 PM, Carole Ames wrote:

Thanks, Bob. Obviously [REDACTED] I think we should meet [REDACTED] now probably sooner than I thought was necessary -- [REDACTED]

I'll have Angel set something up -- perhaps on Friday as next week is full.

I sent [REDACTED] an email with [REDACTED] to that effect Friday at 4:00. I'll paste my message below.

Just back from scattering ashes in the UP.

I'll check in on this tomorrow.

Sent 8/20 at 4:14:

I looked at the revised version of your paper.

In the Addendum, you give a citation at the end of the first three paragraphs, [REDACTED]

Similarly for the bullets on p. 5 -- [REDACTED]

On 8/24/10 10:15 AM, Carole Ames wrote:

Bob, I am concerned about [REDACTED]

It is certainly [REDACTED]

Can we talk about this. I think it will not [REDACTED]

Moreover, [REDACTED]

Moreover, it demonstrates [REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: another possibility
From: "Robert E. Floden" <floden@msu.edu>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 17:14:51 -0400
To: "David D. Arsen" <arsen@msu.edu>

Thanks for the suggestion. I left Ballard a couple of messages and hope to reach him Friday or Monday.

I can't remember how I got your number, but one possibility is that you called me sometime and I wrote down what I saw on caller ID.

On 8/26/10 5:11 PM, David D. Arsen wrote:

Sorry about the confusion on the phone today. I was on our landline with a co-author and you surprised me. I never get calls on my cell. Don't even know my number myself. How'd you get it?

Anyway, I thought of someone else who may know about service consolidation. I don't know him myself. My only contact with him has been when we've both made presentations on IPPSR orientation programs for new legislators. He always talks about service consolidation, mainly with regard to municipal services. His name is Eric Scorsone. I believe he used to have a position at MSU, but I just checked the program of a workshop we both participated in last spring and it listed him as chief economist of the Senate Fiscal Agency (escorsone@senate.michigan.gov; 517-373-2768). I don't know if he's studied school district consolidation. Personally, I'd run his name by Ballard before calling him.

David

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Pivarnik, James - RIO

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Subject: RE: confidential

thanks [REDACTED] we do our best [REDACTED] when
you take time out of your busy days to help out

Jim Pivarnik

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Pivarnik, James - RIO [mailto:rio@msu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 3:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: cornel24@msu.edu
Subject: FW: confidential

[REDACTED]

Thank you [REDACTED] Jered has [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in addition, [REDACTED]

Please let me know [REDACTED] If so, we will [REDACTED]

Thanks again

Jim Pivarnik

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