MICHIGAN Department of Education

***FY26 Section 31a***

***Annual District Transparency Report***

# Riverside School — Hagar Township School District #6

1. What was the total amount of the district's Section 31a allocation for the 2025-26 school year?

   For the 2025-26 school year, Riverside School — Hagar Township School District #6 received a Section 31a At-Risk allocation of $92,937.92. The district also carried forward $5,624.55 in unspent 2024-25 Section 31a funds, making a total of $98,562.47 available. The district expended $93,365.20 in Section 31a funds during the 2025-26 school year.

2. Describe the district's methodology and decision-making for distributing Section 31a At-risk grant funds to target the buildings with the highest needs.

   Hagar Township School District #6 operates a single school building — Riverside School — which serves every student in the district, kindergarten through eighth grade. During the 2025-26 school year, 57 of the district's 62 students, or 91.9%, were identified as at risk under the Section 31a eligibility criteria, and 46 students were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

   Because the district has only one building, and because that building's at-risk population far exceeds the 40% threshold at which schoolwide services are permitted, 100% of the district's Section 31a allocation is directed to Riverside School. Decisions about how those funds are used are made by the principal in consultation with teaching staff, guided by the district's comprehensive needs assessment, the school improvement plan, and student performance data reviewed through the district's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process.

3. What evidence-based interventions and services were implemented with the Section 31a At-risk grant funds during the 2025-26 grant cycle?

   The majority of the district's Section 31a funds — $92,875.20 — supported supplemental core content area teaching staff at Riverside School. This funding allows the district to maintain small class sizes and to deliver targeted, small-group instruction to at-risk students in core academic subjects. The staff member supported by these funds also serves as the district's testing coordinator, administers and reviews K-8 assessment data, participates in the district's monthly MTSS team meetings, and trains fellow teachers in progress monitoring practices.

   These services are delivered within an evidence-based Multi-Tiered System of Supports framework. That framework includes universal screening in reading and mathematics using DIBELS and NWEA, Delta Math assessment and intervention, a K-3 phonics screener, REWARDS reading intervention in the upper grades, and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), with implementation fidelity measured annually using the PBIS Tiered Fidelity Inventory. The district also fully implements the Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System (EWIMS). Professional learning and technical assistance supporting this work is provided by Berrien Regional Educational Service Agency (Berrien RESA).

   The remaining $490.00 of Section 31a funds supplemented the district's school breakfast program, as required under Section 31a(6), at the full statutory rate of $10.00 per economically disadvantaged pupil.

4. In what ways has the district collected feedback from parents or legal guardians on these interventions and services provided this year?

   During the 2025-26 school year the district gathered input from parents and legal guardians through fall and spring parent-teacher conferences, ongoing day-to-day communication between families and classroom teachers, discussion at regular meetings of the Board of Education, and direct conversation with the principal. Input gathered through these channels is reviewed alongside student performance data and informs how Section 31a resources are directed in the following school year.

5. Describe the method parents or legal guardians may use to provide feedback on the use of these funds.

   Parents and legal guardians may share feedback on the use of Section 31a At-Risk funds at any time by contacting Principal Joann Gilliam by email at joann.gilliam@riversidehagar.org or by telephone at (269) 849-1343. Feedback may also be submitted in writing to Riverside School, P.O. Box 40, 3422 Riverside Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, or offered in person during the public comment portion of any regular meeting of the Hagar Township School District #6 Board of Education. Meeting dates and agendas are posted at https://riversidehagar.com/board-of-education/.

For more information about Section 31a interventions and services available for your child(ren) contact:

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To provide feedback or for more information on the use of Section 31a funding for the 2025-26 school year contact:

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For additional questions regarding the Section 31a At-risk grant contact:

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