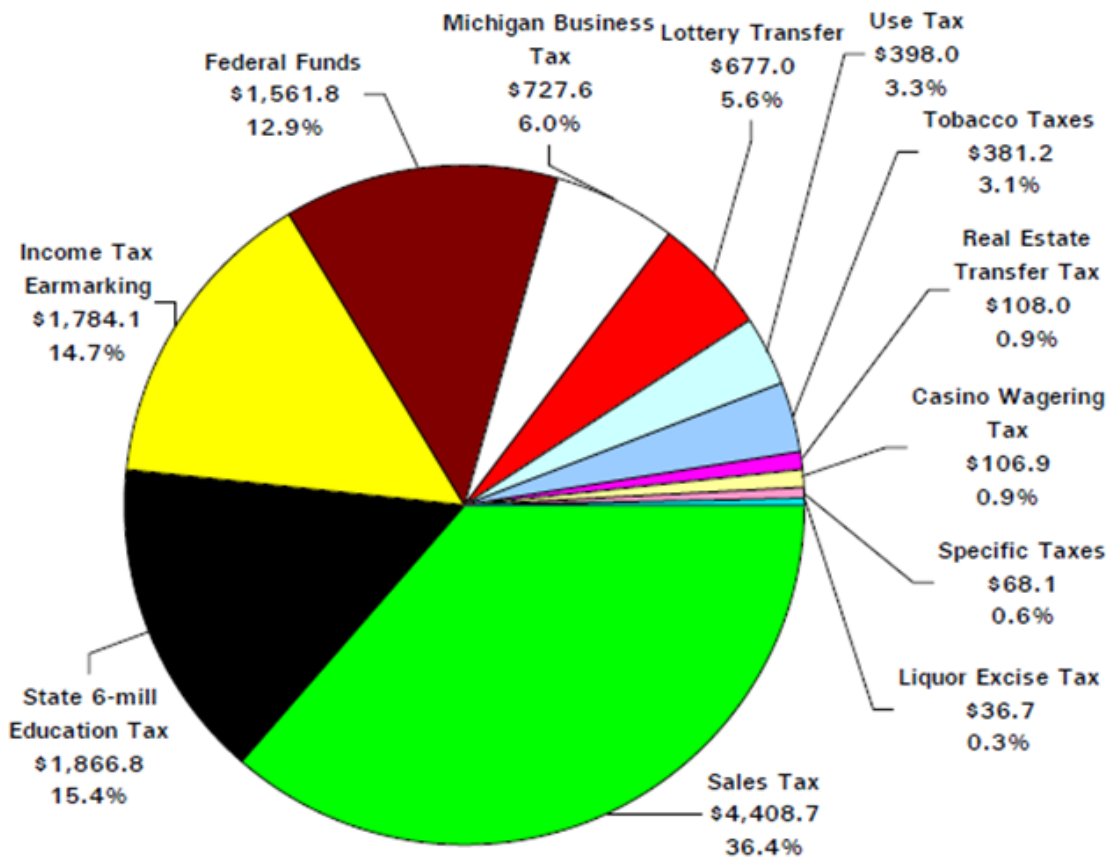




STATE OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL AID FUND REVENUE BY SOURCE FY 2009-10

TOTAL RESOURCES: \$12,124.9 MILLION

(Chart dollars in millions)



Less is More

There are three major pieces of Michigan School Funding and many other little pieces that make up the pie chart of School Funding. The biggest sources of revenue are Sales Tax, Property Tax and Income Tax in that order. In Michigan, these three sources have been generating less income than previous years.

You might also wonder what happens with the lottery. Well, all of the lottery profit goes into the State School Aid fund. The lottery is projected to generate \$677 million dollars, or approximately 5.6% of the total state school aid revenue. While the lottery does generate money for Education, it has simply replaced the previous general fund contribution to the state school aid fund since 1994.

Please call Scott Crosby at (231) 876-2260 or email at scrosby@wmisd.org with thoughts or questions.

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The Michigan Department of Education is transitioning to a **Secure Central Registry (SCR)** which will house all SB-CEUs awarded after January 1, 2010. The SCR will allow educators to view all SB-CEUs awarded, regardless of the SB-CEU sponsor which is providing the SB-CEUs. The SCR will be available on a 24/7 basis and equipped with a help desk to answer questions regarding navigation of the SCR site. The SCR help desk will not answer questions regarding awarding of SB-CEUs. The SCR will be operational mid-February.

With the development and implementation of a SCR, there are changes to the way in which SB-CEUs are awarded:

- SB-CEU program coordinators will no longer provide offering participants with SB-CEU certificates of completion.
- SB-CEU coordinators will upload to the SCR those attendees eligible to be awarded SB-CEUs.
- Eligible attendees will be sent an email with instructions on accessing the SCR and completion of a personal profile. After the profile is completed and saved (a valid email address is required and we prefer a school email address), an attendee will be able to select an offering and complete a required common evaluation. The evaluation must be completed within 30 days of notification. At the end of the 30 days, the evaluation is no longer available for completion and SB-CEUs will not be awarded.
- SB-CEUs are automatically awarded and immediately listed on an unofficial transcript. The unofficial transcript will contain all the required information needed for certificate renewal: name of the offering and date(s), name of the SB-CEU Sponsor and Coordinator, Program Approval Number, and number of SB-CEUs awarded. An official transcript can be purchased for a small charge.

The above process will be required for all SB-CEUs

For more information, please contact Karen Mlcek, Director of General Education, at 231-876-2265 or kmlcek@wmisd.org.

School Funding Crisis

From a funding standpoint, 2009-10 has been a very difficult year for school districts. The sluggish economy and uncertainty from Lansing continue to hamper efforts to budget and plan accordingly. The original budget for 2009-10 included a \$165 per pupil reduction in funding for all school districts. In November 2009 the Governor announced a further \$127 reduction based on revenue projections. That reduction was rescinded but projections for 2010-11 include a further \$268 per pupil reduction.

Local districts are having difficulty planning while funding is so uncertain. Many districts have cut staff, supply budgets and extracurricular activities in anticipation of these reductions. More and more districts are looking at ways to combine non-instructional services to save money. They are also looking at creative ways to deliver instructional services to further increase efficiency.

Wexford – Missaukee ISD is not immune from these reductions. For the first time in recent memory our property tax collections will not increase over last year. We expect our property tax revenue, our single largest revenue source, to decrease over the next several years. As a result we have contracted for an ISD-wide transportation study to look at any cost savings available in that area. We are also being creative in the delivery of business and technology services.

Unless and until the State deals with the structural problems with school funding this kind of crisis management will continue.

For more information, please contact Tom Armstrong, Director of Business Services, at 231-876-2260 or tarmstrong@wmisd.org.



CTC Students Go Ice Fishing

Students in the CTC Agriscience and Natural Resource program recently went ice fishing on Lake Cadillac. They made tip ups in class and used them during their fishing trip.



CTC students enrolled in the Allied Health program finished their **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** training and were tested on February 3-4, 2010. Several of the students passed the final, which consisted of a mock disaster drill (tornado) overseen by the State Police CERT Officer. Those students

who passed are now CERT Certified and can lend a hand in a real emergency or catastrophe. The Allied Health and Public Safety instructors plan to make this an annual certification testing for their students.



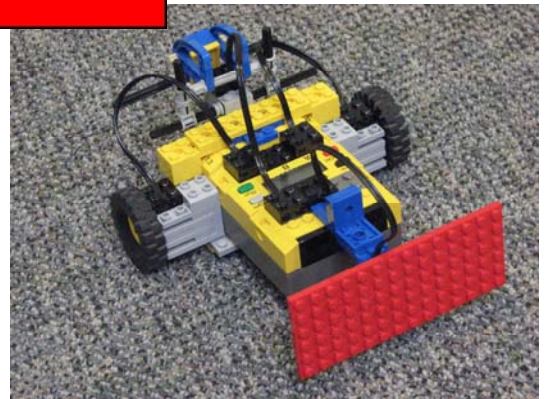


2010 LEGO Expo and Challenge

Manistee, Wexford and Missaukee Math and Science Center in partnership with Wexford Missaukee ISD will be hosting the 5th annual LEGO Challenge and EXPO on May 7th from 8:30am – 11:00am. The LEGO challenge is open to ALL seven school districts within our ISD and will take place at the Wexford Missaukee ISD General Education building located at 9905 E. 13th St. Cadillac, MI.

Technology is the future of our students today and should be used in their lives, EVERY day! The competition targets students in grades 5-8 and includes one challenge to complete that can be prepared ahead of time. We also have an expo portion where students can demonstrate their more creative side and show off what their robots look like and can do based on how they have their robots programmed.

This is an excellent opportunity for your students to show off their skills in math, science and technology. For more information contact Jodi Redman, jredman@wmisd.org.



The **5th Annual Careers for Women Conference** was held on January 28, 2010 at the National Guard Armory in Cadillac. Approximately 100 girls from the local high schools attended the conference to listen to ten professional women discuss their careers. The careers highlighted this year include: banker, photographer, attorney, veterinarian, journalist, army sergeant, nurse, and state police trooper. Based on the student evaluations, the conference was another huge success.



Some of the comments written on the student surveys:

- I loved the energy the speakers brought with them.
- I enjoyed knowing that I can find a career that I greatly enjoy.
- Learning that women can be strong no matter what career you go into.
- Thank you so much for today, I had a great time and this seminar was very inspiring.
- It showed me what I can do later in life.
- It opened my mind to other careers I wouldn't have thought of.
- It was really wonderful. I am a senior and it made me open my eyes and made me think a lot harder of what I want to do.
- I enjoyed hearing about careers from a woman's perspective.

What's New at CTC?

Did you Know? Special Education Facts

As the count of all students within the seven local school districts that make up Wexford-Missaukee ISD (Cadillac, Lake City, Manton, Marion, McBain, Mesick and Pine River) has fallen from about 9,700 in 2005 to about 9,270 in 2009, the number of Special Education students has also fallen. In 2005 our Special Education count was a few shy of 1,400, and as of December 1, 2009, our Special Education count was about 1,290. Since about 14% of the public school students are also identified as being eligible for Special Education services, the fall in counts was roughly proportional.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) keeps a close watch on each school district's: a) initial referral to initial IEP timelines, b) how well Transition pages in IEP's are completed, c) if there are too many (or not enough) students as being eligible for Special Education services based on the number of General Education students within the school district, d) the amount of time Special Education students are in General Education settings, etc.

The U.S. Department of Education's long term, overall goal (which is also a MDE goal) is that 80% of all Special Education eligible students will be in General Education settings at least 80% of the time. MDE's target goal (short term goal) for the 2009-2010 school year is 61% of all Special Education eligible students will be in General Education settings at least 80% of the time. For the 2010-2011 school year, MDE's target goal moves up to 63%.

All school districts within the Wexford-Missaukee ISD are receiving Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA) American Recovery and Restoration Act (ARRA) stimulus funds during the 2009-2010 school year. MDE officials are allowing half of all of these funds to support existing Special Education staff members during the 2009-2010 school year. The other half of the funds must be used in new initiatives, professional development, the purchase of technology for special education students, etc.

For more information, please contact John Bretschneider, Director of Special Education, at 231-876-2275 or jbrtet@wmisd.org.

Dental Assisting Program

Two students are participating in a Dental Assisting program through a partnership with Dental Health Professionals under the leadership of Dr. Michael Leuder. The students are receiving theory at CTC by a registered Dental Assistant and then report to the Dental Health Professional office 2 days per week for clinical rotation. This is a great awesome partnership with a community business/employer and a way we can provide additional programming for our students.

New Program Name

The Electrical Occupations and Computers & Electronics programs will be combined to form a new program, Computers Networking and Electronics Technology or CNET.

First Year CNET Curriculum:

	Electronics Lab	Computer Lab
1st Quarter	Electronics Technician Skills	Computer Hardware Fundamentals
2nd Quarter	Electronics Technician Skills	Computer Hardware Fundamentals
3rd Quarter	Electronics Fundamentals	Computer Operating Systems
4th Quarter	Electronics Fundamentals	Computer Operating Systems

Second Year CNET Curriculum:

	Electronics Lab	Computer Lab
1st Quarter	Digital Home Technology/ Residential Wiring	Networking
2nd Quarter	Digital Home Technology/ Residential Wiring	Networking
3rd Quarter	Renewable Energy	Computer Interfacing and Programming
4th Quarter	Renewable Energy	Computer Interfacing and Programming

CTC Summer Camps June 16-18, 2010

Automotive Camp

Come in and explore the exciting and challenging world of automobile maintenance and repair. During this three day camp, students will be introduced to basic electrical circuits and the use of multimeters used for electrical system testing. Students will also learn basic under hood and under car maintenance procedures that are the fundamentals of automobile preventative maintenance. Come see what the world of automotive repair holds for you!

Business Camp

Making Memories in Multi-Media—Have fun and learn tricks in business that everyone wants to know. Use digital photos and your own pictures that you scan to produce videos with video cameras and web-cams to create a movie "All About You" on MovieMaker. Plus, create your own personalized greeting cards, memo pads, or calendar with your own and other pictures; bind the calendar for a memorable keepsake or gift.

Computer and Technology Camp

This program offers students an unique adventure in technology and computer exploration not normally encountered during the regular school-year classes. The IT Camp promises to be a fun, hands-on and educational program that further develops young people's technology skills through a variety of non-traditional projects and activities. Students will explore computing technology, build pc's and look into technology career opportunities. Each student will have use of his/her own computer workstation for the program.

Culinary Camp

Day 1—Introduction to the culinary field. Students will learn to bake along with knife safety and skills.

Day 2—Students will learn the art of decorating.

Day 3—Students will learn to cook poultry.

Diesel Power Mechanics Camp

Come in and discover the exciting world of diesel powered heavy equipment. During this 3-day camp, students will learn how a diesel engine works, how electrical systems work and learn what today's technicians will need to know to keep the equipment working. Students will learn new skills on live equipment, run engines and use a computer. After this fun and exciting camp, students will look at diesel powered equipment and trucks in different way.

Electronics Camp

Come and explore the world of Electricity and Electronics in this FUN and interactive program. Students will learn about lightning and perform fascinating electronic experiments. Students will also learn about various electronic components and how to solder. An electronic kit will be built that the student can take home with them.

Floral Design Camp

During this 3-day camp, students will learn basic floral design. Through hands-on activities, students will learn flower care, tool safety, flower textures, proper color schemes and basic floral supplies. Students will also be given an opportunity to create and take home a basic floral arrangement.

Health Careers Camp

Explore exciting medical careers which may include: Laboratory Technician, Pharmacist, Nursing, Medical Assistant, EMT/Paramedic, Surgical Technician, Veterinarian and Physical Therapy. The Wexford-Missaukee CTC, Baker College of Cadillac and Mercy Hospital have once again partnered together to sponsor the 6th Annual Health Career Camp. Students will have opportunities to meet with medical professionals, have hands-on experiences and tour the local hospital. Transportation to the hospital will be provided.

Junior Police Academy

Join us and be part of a fun-filled, action packed three days of Junior Police Academy. Students will take part in physical training and conditioning, police and detective methods, watching police videos, talking to police officers and fire fighters. Students will also visit a police station and a fire department.

Power Sports and Equipment Camp

Come in and learn what the world of Power Sports and Equipment has to offer. During this 3-day camp, students will learn what is involved in power sports and equipment, such as motorcycles, ATV and turf equipment. Through hands-on activities with both 2 cycle and 4 cycle engines, students will have the opportunity to learn about engine theory and operate different types of engines.

Welding/Metal Fabrication Camp

Day 1 – Introduction to basic welding through hands-on activities and learn many different types of welding processes.

Day 2 – Continue hands-on activities in welding processes, learn plasma cam cutting, and start small project to take home.

Day 3 – Finish small project and review all welding processes.

Woodworking Camp

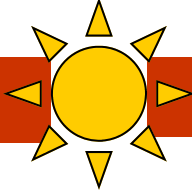
Do you enjoy building things and working with your hands? Come and spend three days in the woodshop crafting your very own pinewood derby car. Students in this class will learn to design their cars, build them using a variety of different tools, and trick them out with custom paint jobs. On the final day of the camp, put your design skills to the test as we take the finished cars to the track.

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	FREE	
	9 AM—12 PM	

CTC Summer Camps

June 16-18, 2010

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Explore one of these exciting 3-day camps full of hands-on activities and programs:

Automotive Camp

Business Camp

Computer & Technology Camp

Culinary Camp

Diesel Power Mechanics Camp

Electronics Camp

Floral Design Camp

Health Careers Camp

Junior Police Academy

Power Sports & Equipment Camp

Welding/Metal Fabrication Camp

Woodworking Camp

Free

WEXFORD-MISSAUKEE
CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER

9901 E. 13th Street, Cadillac, MI 49601



2010 CTC Summer Camp Registration Form

Student's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Grade Entering 2010/11: _____



Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Adult Shirt Size:
___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large

Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd camp choices.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Required:
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Some of the summer camps may include a field trip in the Cadillac area. Transportation will be provided by the Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center. A parent/guardian must sign below to give permission to the student to participate on the field trip.

Required:
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please check below only if you do not want your student to participate in publicity or photos taken by event sponsors or other news media outlets.

___ NO, I do not want my student involved in publicity or photos during summer camp.

Please mail **COMPLETED** registration form to:

Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center

Attn: Jennifer Gaffke

9901 E. 13th Street

Cadillac, MI 49601



For more information, please call
Jennifer Gaffke at 231-876-2210.

Visit our website at <http://ctc.wmisd.org>.



MIOSHA Training Institute (sponsored by the WMISD)

- What:** Supervisor's Role in Safety and Health
- When:** April 8, 2010
(9:00 am—4pm)
- Where:** Wexford-Missaukee CTC
9901 E. 13th Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
- Cost:** \$90 per person, includes lunch and course materials

For more information, please contact Jennifer Gaffke at 231.876.2210 or jgaffke@wmisd.org

2nd Annual Wexford-Missaukee Scholarship CTC Golf Outing

Saturday, May 22, 2010

9:00 am Shotgun Start (Scramble)



McGuire's Resort
7880 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601

Cost: \$60 per person, which includes: 18 holes with cart, sleeve of golf balls, door prizes, lunch and a group photo.

Registration Deadline is May 14, 2010.

For more information or to register:
Please contact Jason Johnston at (231) 876-2206.

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