Collaborative Efforts
2020-21
Year-End Report

Collaboration is the cornerstone of the work done at IU13. Whether it is collaborating with a student to develop a new learning strategy, collaborating with a teacher on an innovative science lesson, collaborating with a school to increase safety and security, or collaborating with local districts to purchase energy at a reduced rate—collaboration is the foundation for success.

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## Descriptions of Collaborative Efforts

**Private Cloud Services** – expands and upgrades school district technology infrastructure while decreasing operational costs. IU13 Private Cloud Services provide management implementation and disaster recovery of Microsoft Exchange, directory services, and Microsoft Lync.

**Public Relations Consortium** – an opportunity for districts to discuss current industry trends, share publicity plans, and hear from local experts about current issues impacting the local community, parents, and/or staff. This past year, the group met more frequently to address matters related to the pandemic.

**Pupil Services Administrators’ Meetings** – network virtual meetings for local, state, or national updates in the field of pupil services, as well as roundtable discussion and planning for local pupil services needs across Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

**Reinventing Learning Showcase** – an event for school board members, administrators, community leaders, and legislators, showcasing innovative educational programs from the local school districts, and career and technology centers.

**Safety and Security Cohort** – provides cost savings for districts wishing to engage in safety trainings, Act 44-approved safety and security assessments, and in-service training materials. Participating districts receive these services at an average 50% discount by being part of the cohort.

**Safety and Security Coordinator Working Group** – assists districts in understanding the new role of safety coordinators and steps needed to ensure compliance per the Act. This group was created in response to Act 44 of 2018. School Business Officials Professional Development Program – an annual professional development program which includes: leadership and management training, in-depth information on new initiatives, and an opportunity to discuss topics of common interest.

**STEM Leadership Collaborative** – a forum to give STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) leaders an opportunity to stay informed of the most current information from the PA DEP and professional organizations, and partake in collaborative professional learning for building their own capacity to lead.

**STEM PLC** – provides a forum for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and elementary STEAM education leaders to network and build leadership capacity for enhancing and sustaining a standards-aligned science, technology, engineering, and math education system in school/districts.

**Secondary Technology Conference** – an Instructional Technology Conference for Grade 7-12 teachers and administrators. Social Studies PLC – a forum for local social studies education leaders to discuss current information from the PA Dept. of Education and U.S. Dept. of Education regarding curriculum and best practices in the field.

**Special Education Consor ____ Services** – provides special education services for Lancaster and Lebanon county school districts.

**Special Education Consultants’ (SEC) Network** – a network group meeting quarterly addressing secondary transition practices, and provides professional development sessions relevant to coaching and consultation for SECs.

**Special Education District Administrators’ Meetings** – quarterly meetings for local, state, or national updates in the field of special education, as well as roundtable discussion and planning for local special education needs across Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

**Statewide Discount Software Program** – provides school districts, parents, and educators across Pennsylvania with the means to procure computer software at a significantly discounted price.

**Student Enrichment Experience (SEE) Program** – provides a variety of standards-aligned enrichment experiences for gifted and talented students in elementary, middle, and high school.

**Superintendents’ Advisory Council (SAC)** – monthly meetings for ongoing professional dialogue about local, state, and national educational matters. This past year, SAC met more frequently to discuss matters related to the pandemic.

**Superintendents’ Secretaries’ Meetings** – an opportunity for district networking and a forum for discussion regarding educational initiatives and updates.

**Superintendents’ Study Council** – annual event providing an opportunity for Lancaster and Lebanon county superintendents to gather and study successful school districts, programs, and leaders, with the goal of bringing home experiences to reinvent learning within our local school districts.

**Teacher Centers** – central working facilities in both Lancaster and Lebanon counties, complete with equipment and materials necessary to assist teachers with the creation of classroom instructional materials.

**Tech Media Integrators’ Collaborative** – a forum for IU13 and district representatives who work with library/media, and the integration of technology into the K-12 curriculum, to discuss current trends related to technology and media, and to share ideas and best practices.

**Tech Talk Live** – a conference that focuses on the day-to-day issues that technology professionals face in the educational environment. The intended audience includes system administrators, network administrators, help desk support, etc.

**Technology Coordinators’ Meetings** – a monthly forum for districts to highlight and discuss their efforts to advance technology.

**Telephony Services Procurement Program** – a negotiated Master Agreement with a national supplier which allows districts to purchase and lock in their long-term telephone services at very competitive pricing.

**Transportation of Students with Special Needs** – a centralized routing to transport students assigned to classes outside of district borders.

**Virtual ConnectPA** – a statewide conference for Schoology users, focusing on helping participants learn how to maximize their use of Schoology for collaboration, communication, and repository of assignments, files, and assessments. This conference is for all educators including system administrators using Schoology within their schools/districts.

**Wide Area Network (WAN) Consortium** – provides connectivity between schools and to the Internet to encourage collaboration, distance learning, resource sharing, and high-speed Internet access with content filtering to students and staff while offloading firewall configuration and network management from school staff.
# Collaborative Efforts Facilitated by IU13

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| Service, Support | Solutions | Private Cloud Services | Public Relations Consortium | Pupil Services Assessment Centers | Reinventing Learning Showcase | Safety and Security Cohort | School Business Officials Professional Development | Event was not held this year due to COVID-19 | STEM Leadership Collaborative | STEM PLC | Social Studies PLC | Special Education Consultants’ (SEC) Network | Special Education District Administrators’ Meetings | Statewide Discount Software Program | Student Enrollment Experience (SEE) Program | Superintendent’s Advisory Council | Superintendent’s Secretaries’ Meetings | Superintendent’s Study Council | Teacher Centers | Tech Media Integrators’ Collaborative | Tech Talk Live | Technology Coordinators’ Meetings | Telephony Services Procurement Program | Transportation of Students with Special Needs | Virtual ConnectPA | Wide Area Network (WAN) Consortium | Event was not held this year due to COVID-19 |
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**Descriptions of Collaborative Efforts**

**Adult Education Classes** – providing morning, evening, and online classes to Lancaster and Lebanon County adults, including district parents, at no cost. Offerings include supporting students in earning their high school equivalency diplomas and helping English language learners improve their fluency, gain U.S. citizenship, and strengthen their job skills.

**Battery and Projection Bulb Procurement Program** – provides a single source for all types of battery and projection lamp needs, offered at nationally leveraged and negotiated pricing levels.

**Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Collaborative** – meetings for Behavior Consultants and BCBA’s to discuss topics pertinent to the provision of behavioral support within an educational setting.

**Bulk Fuels Procurement** – provides a volumetric leveraged and professionally managed service for the purchase of bulk fuels (bio-diesel, #2 fuel oil, and gasoline).

**CAFCO (Cateria and Food Cooperative)** – meetings for the Food Service Directors in Central PA to discuss cafeteria and nutrition-related issues, best practices, and the facilitation of five annual food bids.

**Cateria Supplies and Equipment Program** – provides a bid compliant and competitively priced single source for all types of cafeteria supplies and equipment.

**Collaborative Purchasing Program** – provides volume leveraged bids for both line-item supplies and catalog discounts.

**Collaborative Purchasing Solutions (CPS)** – a website and online marketplace providing an innovative, one-stop source for an organization’s procurement needs.

**Contracted Technology Services** – services include System and Network Administrator Consultations, On-line Assessments, Collaboration, Wireless Infrastructure, Content Filtering, Technology Training, and Managed Network Services to school districts in Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

**Courier Service** – a delivery service to and from IU13 and among the 22 school districts in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, as well as the Lancaster and Lebanon County Career and Technology Centers, eliminating the need for postage and delivery service fees for the inter-district exchanges.

**Cultural Navigation Services** – helps refugee and immigrant students successfully integrate into school life in the United States. Navigators, who speak a variety of languages, work collaboratively with the family to assess current school and academic needs and goals. The navigators also offer professional development for school staff on effective ways to engage with refugee and immigrant families.

**Curriculum Coordinators’ Meetings** – monthly meetings for assistant superintendents, curriculum directors, and similar administrators to discuss local and state educational topics related to teaching and learning in public schools.

**Custodial Supplies Program** – a negotiated program which provides “Just-in-time” procurement of facilities supplies and equipment.

**District Cyber Online Teacher Networking** – provides a networking group for IU13 Teachers to collaborate and share best practices for teaching in a solely online environment.

**District Human Resources Exchange** – a forum for district staff to review human resources (HR) issues, best practices, certification updates, and pending HR-related legislation.

**District Human Resources Exchange Conference** – offers district administrators the opportunity to discuss topics of common interest and receive in-depth information on new initiatives occurring in the human resources field.

**Document Imaging** – allows districts to move to a paperless environment and to electronically manage files through document imaging, indexing, and retrieval by using IU13’s Onbase infrastructure.

**Early Head Start, Head Start, and Pre-K Counts** – comprehensive early childhood education programs for children from birth through the transition to kindergarten. These programs are available to families based on income and other eligibility requirements.

**Early Learning Collaborative** – network meetings to discuss early learning topics from birth to Grade 3 including kindergarten transition best practices, family engagement, community partnerships, and early literacy.

**Education Conference** – an annual one-day conference that offers participants a variety of topics related to autism, literacy, transition, mathematics, technology, and many other educational subjects. The conference is open to general and special educators, administrators, parents, university students, and agency personnel. The presenters range from local professionals to nationally known speakers.

**ELECT** (Education Leading to Employment and Career Training) – promotes pregnant and parenting youth with the support they need to complete their high school education and successfully transition into employment or continue higher education. Coordination and collaboration with school districts and community resources enhances the ability for youth to acquire the knowledge and skills needed for present and future success.

**Ed. Tech. Pool Counsel** – provides legal support in the ever-changing legal landscape that surrounds education technology. The pool provides proactive strategies, training, and policies designed to prevent the digital-age problems that can lead to liability.

**Electricity Procurement Program** – provides cost-effective and professionally managed services for the purchase of electricity.

**Elementary Technology Conference** – an Instructional Technology Conference for K-6 teachers and administrators.

**Emergency-Certified Substitute Teacher Training** – training for non-certificated individuals, holding a bachelor’s degree, to allow them to teach on a day-to-day substitute basis for IU13 programs and participating school districts.

**Employees’ Health Care Cooperative (BHCC) in Lancaster** – provides pooling and self-insurance for health care benefit plans and programs.

**English Language Development (ELD) Leadership Collaborative** – a forum to give ELD leaders an opportunity to stay informed of the most current information from the PA Dept. of Education and professional organizations, and partake in collaborative professional learning for building their own capacity to lead.

**ELD Professional Learning Community (PLC)** – provides district teacher leaders with the opportunity to discuss current information from the PA Dept. of Education and the U.S. Dept. of Education, keep up-to-date with ELD research data, engage in professional learning opportunities, and provide input regarding district needs or the development of materials to enhance district school capacity.
## Collaborative Efforts Facilitated by IU13

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**Enriched Virtual Forum (EVF)** – the purpose of EVF is to support district cyber academies to collaboratively customize vendor content and/or develop high-quality course content to share with IU13 districts via Schoology or Canvas to supplement and enrich current district virtual programs.

**Environmental Services Program** – provides a single source and competitively priced solution for all types of environmental services, such as compliance, remediation, abatement, and training.

**Facilities Safety Training Program** – provides annual safety training for district maintenance and custodial managers, and their staff.

**Financial Comparison Data** – provides districts with financial information for evaluation purposes.

**Flight Team** – a team of district counselors, school social workers, psychologists, and administrators who are trained to support districts in a time of need by providing counseling for grieving individuals.

**Gifted Network for Educators** – offers a network for teachers and coordinators of gifted students focusing on current topics and policies related to gifted education.

**Homestead/Farmstead Applications** – provides Lancaster County school districts with a collaborative effort for the joint printing and mailing of the annual Homestead/Farmstead Applications.

**Induction for Unique Roles Group** – creates specialized induction trainings for non-teaching professionals such as school psychologists and school social workers that will supplement induction trainings at IU13 or local districts.

**Instructional Media Services** – provides digital media and equipment for instructional use with students, including a wide variety of subject areas and instructional levels, shared between all districts in Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

**Itinerant Autistic Support Network** – this group, which meets quarterly, provides an opportunity for itinerant teachers of students with autism to network with one another and discuss effective strategies to consult with classroom teachers and work with students across classrooms.

**K-12 Literacy PLC** – a forum for local elementary and secondary literacy education leaders and IU13 representatives to discuss current information from the PA Dept. of Education and U.S. Dept. of Education regarding elementary and secondary literacy, new curriculum materials, and the development of structures that will enhance school capacity.

**Lanc-Leb Public Schools Insurance Pools (LLPSIP)** – provides Property Casualty and School Leaders Liability coverage, building appraisal services, and risk management assessments.

**Lanc-Leb Public Schools Insurance Pools (LLPSIP) Workers’ Compensation Insurance Pool** – provides Workers’ Compensation coverage, including claims management, accident prevention, and other related services.

**Lanc-Leb Virtual Solutions (LLVS)** – a high-quality, cost-effective online learning solution for students in local districts.

**Librarians’ Collaborative** – a forum for discussing current trends related to technology and media, and for sharing ideas and best practices to support librarians.

**Lighting Procurement and Recycling Program** – a negotiated program which provides procurement of lamps and ballasts, as well as providing a recycling option for the disposal of lamps, ballasts, and batteries.

**Literacy Leaders’ Collaborative** – a forum to discuss current information from the PA Dept. of Education and the U.S. Dept. of Education, keep up to date on current research related to literacy, engage in professional learning opportunities, review new curriculum materials, and plan literacy events throughout the year.

**Medical Education Coalition** – a forum for special education administrators and medical practitioners that meets two times per year to discuss various topics with the goal of ensuring that medical professionals and educators work cooperatively to support students in the school setting.

**Natural Gas Procurement Program** – provides a cost-effective, professionally managed service for the procurement of natural gas.

**Office Supply Procurement** – a negotiated program which provides “just-in-time” procurement of office supplies.

**One2One Risk Management Program** – a risk management program that provides affordable one-to-one device insurance coverage for districts, students, and parents.

**PA-Educator.net** – an online resource to help school districts actively scout, screen, recruit, and rigorously evaluate teacher candidates for potential or actual openings in school districts.

**Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIC)** – connects instructional coaches to collaborate with peers; gain support from other PIC coaches; and share issues, concerns, and solutions. Meetings include networking, professional learning, and IU13 updates.

**Pennsylvania Statewide Hardware Program** – provides a negotiated program for the purchase of technology supplies and equipment.

**Personalized Learning Academy** – a three-phase professional learning opportunity for school districts to build organizational and individual capacity to lead, implement, and sustain personalized learning to support all students. Districts register to participate one phase at a time, although for maximum success, all three phases are strongly recommended.

**Plant Managers’ Meetings** – meetings for the plant managers of the Lancaster and Lebanon county school districts to discuss facilities-related issues and provide support as needed.

**Playground Equipment and Supplies** – provides a bid-compliant and competitively priced source for playground equipment and supplies.

**Principals’ Collaborative** – a monthly forum for public school leaders who work in Lancaster and Lebanon county schools to network and collaborate around local, state, and national education topics; share solutions to school-level issues; and build capacity to lead.