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Frequently Asked Questions

Local School Districts save Money through Consortium Purchasing

Anthony Wayne, Maumee and Perrysburg School Districts are known as rivals, but beginning next school year, these rivals will be teammates in the fight to save local operational tax dollars. The districts are planning to roll out a series of changes within the next 6-18 months that will see the schools beginning to share services like transportation, maintenance and custodial resources, technology and special education resources.

"In today's economy, we are looking to stretch our community's tax dollars," stated Greg Smith, Superintendent, Maumee City Schools.

"Another benefit of this process is the sharing that takes place," stated Dr. Jim Fritz, Superintendent, Anthony Wayne Schools. "We are all learning new and more efficient ways of doing business."

Rivals? Yes. But it has been great working together to not only improve operations but to enhance student learning," stated Tom Hosler, Superintendent, Perrysburg Schools. "We believe this is what our communities expect from us today."

Over the last year, district leaders have been meeting to review operations, programs and staff to explore sharing some operations. The districts have announced the first wave of collaborations and continue to make plans for future projects.

Some trips that involve smaller teams and/or activities that are heading to the same locations will now be consolidated. No longer for these trips will each district send individual busses.

In addition to transportation, the three districts have helped form a buying consortium, Maumee Valley Operations Managers (MVOM), which works collaboratively for bidding products and services. It presently includes the following member school districts in Northwest Ohio: Anthony Wayne, Eastwood, Elmwood, Fostoria, Maumee, Northwood, Oregon, Perrysburg, Rossford, Springfield and Woodlane.

Over the past two years, the group has undertaken many projects:

- The biggest cost saving venture that MVOM has been involved in is for waste removal. Eight schools were involved in a request for pricing that was awarded to Allied Waste. Maumee City Schools, for example, has saved between \$9,000 and \$10,000 in the first year of the contract and expects to see similar savings in years two and three.
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- Eight members joined for pricing on bagged rock salt this past winter that saved between \$200 and \$500 per district.
- Secured a Building Operator Certification Class here in Northwest Ohio. This class will save travel costs for out-of-town programs.
- Pursuing a local Certified Playground Inspector Program that will save travel costs.

- In the process of a Request For Pricing for elevator services.
- Meeting with Electronic Auction Services, Inc. later this month to look at a Reverse Auction for maintenance vehicle purchases, which will allow the group to review this process and determine if they may pursue future business in this manner.
- Held a Training Day for Buildings and Grounds Personnel that was well attended by member Districts.



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