

## Calhoun Intermediate School District Lobbying Costs

Michigan Intermediate School Districts (or Regional Educational Service Agencies) were created by the legislature in 1962 to bring about quality and equitable educational opportunities to students and schools throughout the state. Because public education is funded and regulated by the state and federal government, it is necessary for ISDs to use some resources to fund activities that promote public accountability, research and government communications.

Because the CISD is publicly funded, it is responsible for communicating its programs and services to its constituent school districts and the community at large. It is also responsible for protecting the public's investment by securing appropriate legal counsel and legislative advocacy. Consequently, from time to time, CISD may consult with firms external to the organization to secure advice and assistance.

**Administrative Costs:** Administrative costs, as defined by the State of Michigan, include those expenditures related to activities performed by the Board of Education, activities associated with executive administration, and those performed by principals or others in the general supervision of building operations.

**Communications Services:** Communications services are defined as activities concerned with writing, editing, and using other preparation methods necessary to disseminate educational and administrative information to pupils, staff, managers, or to the general public through direct mailing, the news media, or personal contact.

Grand Total District Paid Lobbying Costs:    **\$8,312.43**