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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Recently, the Marion Public School Board of Education voted to approve over \$400,000 in reductions to district costs in order to balance the school budget, insuring the educational promise to the children and young men and women of the Marion community. These reductions were necessary due to the ongoing financial challenges being faced by all districts in the state of Michigan. The reductions were recommended to the board by the district's administrators after having taken great care to focus on student's needs and best teaching practices regarding instruction. Marion students will graduate upon receiving an outstanding education, certified by the state of Michigan preparing them for their futures.

The reductions included every area of district operations, including certified and non certified staff members and the restructuring of academic programs, transportation, sports, and administration. For a more detailed account of specific reductions, please go to the Marion Public School's website at [www.marionpublic.org](http://www.marionpublic.org) or contact Mr. Greg Mikulich, Elementary Principal at 743-6521, or Mrs. Beth Robb, Jr./Sr. High Principal at 743-2836.

The Marion Board of Education and Administration would like to invite all interested parents and community members to become involved in your public school district during these difficult and challenging times. How can you help? Here are two ideas:

- Offer to volunteer your time and or resources for the purpose of supporting your young one's class, school or district.
- Attend an upcoming special board workshop regarding the reorganization of district leadership.

This special workshop of the Marion Board of Education will take place on Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marion Jr./Sr. High Library. Mr. Scott Crosby, Superintendent of the Wexford/Missaukee ISD, will facilitate a discussion of the Marion Board of Education regarding future district leadership.

Please contact me with questions you may have regarding the recently approved reductions or the upcoming special board workshop. I encourage your involvement and interest in the future of your school district and in the future of the children and young men and women of the Marion Community.

Sincerely,

Charles Chase, Superintendent  
Marion Public Schools