

OPTIMISE NEWSLETTER



**WELCOME BACK
SPECIAL EDUCATORS!**

The Kids are So Happy to See You!

"Listening" Sessions
with U.P. and Northern Lower Peninsula
ISDs, August and September

OPTIMISE heard from several special educators during their "listening" Zoom sessions and is moving on to a number of items to help districts across the state.
Your feedback is invaluable!



Thank you for Participating!



OPTIMISE VIDEO TOUR

More Stops to Come in 2024

The video crew is capturing passionate stories from special educators, parents and individuals with disabilities (Birth to 26 yrs.)



**"Transforming Education by
Empowering Paraeducators"**



Paraeducator Toolkit Launched and Seats Filling Fast

The new Paraeducator Bootcamp is a 1-day session filled with paraeducator professionals from around the state. Participants walk away with more confidence in their more defined role. Click the video below to hear from a paraeducator attendee!

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OPTIMISE
OPENING THE PIPELINE OF TALENT
INTO MICHIGAN'S SPECIAL EDUCATION



PARAEDUCATOR TOOLKIT

Learn More and Sign Up
Today



Michigan Special Education Leaders Visit U.S. Capitol for S.E. Legislative Summit

The leaders addressed the critical shortage of special educators with members of Congress, specifically teachers, early interventionists, specialized instructional

support personnel, administrators, faculty in higher education, and paraeducators.

Members of Congress were urged to cosponsor key bills to support special education.

[View Bills to Support Special Education](#)

New Recommendations Released from OPTIMISE Action Teams

The OPTIMISE Action Teams worked throughout the summer on their prospective disciplines. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Paraeducator Action Teams released their recommendations.

[DHH Recommendations](#)

[Paraeducator Recommendations](#)

THE MINING Journal

OPTIMISE was featured in *The Mining Journal*, a print/online news outlet in Marquette, Mich. The story features the work OPTIMISE is doing to address the staffing shortage in special education.

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Promoting Michigan's Higher-ed Degree Programs in Special Education

In-person • Hybrid • Remote

The OPTIMISE website lists higher education programs by platform—in-person, hybrid, and remote—and financial aid resources for each of ten special education professions. OPTIMISE's marketing team is driving web traffic to these Michigan programs.

[Visit the Maps by Profession](#)



OPTIMISE Job Board Helps Supplement District Hiring Efforts in Special Education

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