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### Checkbook register now online

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MIDLAND -- Parents in the Bullock Creek School District will get an easy chance to see how their school leaders are spending their money.

The district is among the three latest public schools placing their check registers online for taxpayer inspection following requests by Midland's Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

"It is important to show the public what we are doing. This is public information, so it is part of our transparent business operation," said Bullock Creek Superintendent John Hill. He said the district puts the information on its Web site quarterly so anyone can see who the district writes checks to.

Bullock Creek joins two other recent districts to post their check registers online: Chassell Township Schools in Houghton County and Farmington Public Schools in Oakland County.

"We have posted the register since the start of our fiscal year in July," Hill said. "It is listed as the vendor and amount. Viewers can see we wrote checks to a Midland golf course for the golf team to play. We wrote a check to Blue Lake Charter and were reimbursed by the PTO for a student trip."

Typically, the district spends \$300,000 to \$400,000 per month, Hill said.

Online information is available at [www .bcreek.k12.mi.us](http://www.bcreek.k12.mi.us). Those without online access can get the checkbook and other information by calling 631-9022.

"We'll see increased transparency in the remaining county districts as well," predicted Kenneth M. Braun, director of the Mackinac Center's Show Michigan the Money project. "I encourage taxpayers and parents to ask school board members to show them the money." v

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