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Farmington schools move toward more financial transparency with 'Show Michigan the Money'

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Three school districts are blazing a trail toward more financial transparency as part of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's ["Show Michigan the Money" project](#).

Bullock Creek School District in Midland County, Chassell Township Schools in Houghton County and Farmington Public Schools in Oakland County will all regularly post their check registers online.

"Thanks to the work of our finance staff, our district has continuously received both Meritorious Budget and the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting awards from the Association of School Business Officials since 1997," Farmington Superintendent Sue Zurvalec said, in a news release.

"We are committed to transparency, and posting the check registry is just one example of how we do this."

The Mackinac Center reached out to each of Oakland County's public school districts before school began in September, urging them to participate in the project.

The Waterford School District, the Clawson Public Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School district already have been posting their check registers, and at least one other district in Oakland County has contacted the Mackinac Center and may be posting its checkbook soon.

"I think we'll see increased transparency in the rest of those Oakland County districts as well," Kenneth M. Braun, director of the Show Michigan the Money project, said in a news release. "I'd encourage taxpayers and parents to ask their school board members to 'show them the money' by following these examples."

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