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SUBJECT: Section 12c-Consolidation Grant Quarterly Report - July 1-September 30, 2025

Recipient Entity Name and Address: Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency
Kalamazoo, MI 49002

District/Recipient Code: 39000

Grant Code: 268

Grant Metrics

Finance Data	Impact	Collaboration
Completed negotiating custom pricing for Veeam backup software, saving almost 40% per license compared to list price. 57 ISDs and LEAs are utilizing MiCloud for discounted Veeam licensing.	MiCloud has helped partner districts protect the data and infrastructure for 218,954 students across the state, up 415% from June 30th last quarter. MiCloud has completed projects involving 87 LEAs and 14 different ISDs .	MiCloud is collaborating with MiSEN for a proof of concept project to improve the speed and security of data transmission from districts to their AWS environments.

GRANT PURPOSE:

The MiCloud initiative seeks to consolidate cloud hosting and platform management services to provide a unified, scalable, and secure solution for all Michigan Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) while addressing current challenges around aging hardware and data security. For more information review the 2025-26 MiCloud Annual Report.

July:

- ❖ Began significant project work with ISDs and LEAs, focusing mostly on backups-related projects.
- ❖ Began two major ISD infrastructure migration projects.
- ❖ Started rolling out Pluralsight training platform licenses to ISD staff for skill building. Initial adoption of 22 ISD licenses in the first month.
- ❖ Continued efforts with AWS and MiSEN on DirectConnect collaboration proof of concept project.
- ❖ Attended AWS Imagine Conference in Chicago and was part of the MAISA group that was named an AWS Education Champion for the innovative work we've done in the state.

August 2025:

- ❖ Continued backups and migration project efforts.
- ❖ Participated in MiSecure's Cybersecurity Strategy Session event in Bay City.
- ❖ Approved for a Pre-conference session at MAEDS fall conference in October.
- ❖ 38 Pluralsight licenses in use by ISD and statewide project staff.

September 2025:

- ❖ Continued backups and migration project efforts.
- ❖ Approved for two technical sessions at MAEDS fall conference in October.
- ❖ Hosted a joint Advisory Committee meeting with the MiSEN and MiSecure service areas.
- ❖ Presented during Michigan Educational Technology Leaders (METL) monthly meeting.
- ❖ Participated in the MiDataHub's Well-Architected Framework workshop to identify areas for improvement.

NEXT QUARTER FOCUS:

- ❖ MAEDS annual fall training conference.
- ❖ Increase technical resources and capacity to increase the speed at which we can complete district projects.
- ❖ Beginning our technical training outreach via Webinars and in-person training days.
- ❖ Implementing "Managed Reserved Instances" to guarantee the lowest price for AWS consumption.