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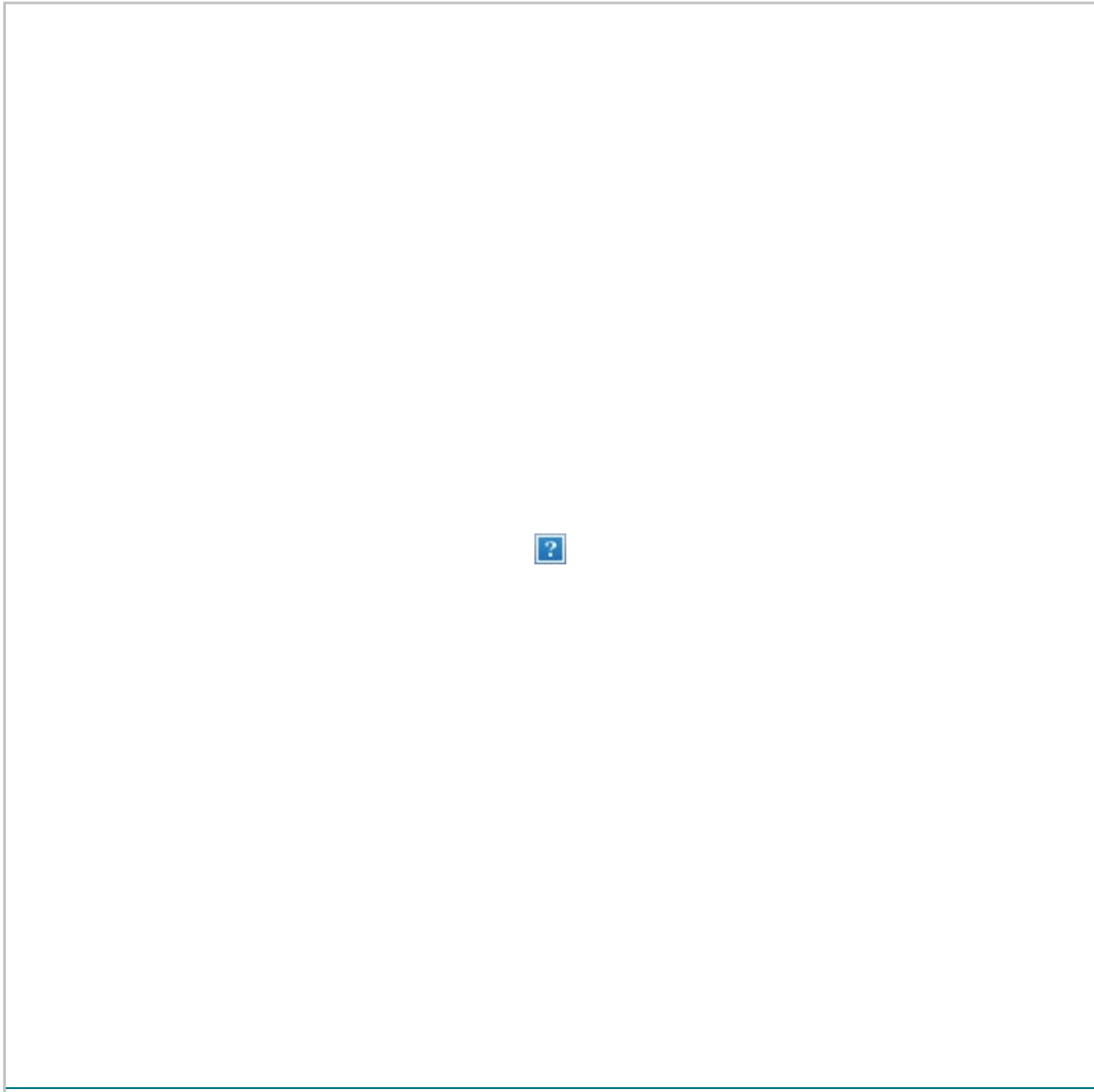
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Welcome to *We Lead Learning*, a newsletter for partners, supporters and community members of Kent ISD. With this newsletter, we share many ways our team leads learning and serves students, educators, and our community. Each issue spotlights our outstanding student programs, highlights a story from School News Network, shares how educators are helping student dreams come true, and more.





Kent ISD: A world of learning for everyone

Kent ISD leads learning! As we head into a new school year, we want to shine a spotlight in a special way on the incredible work being done by our dedicated educators for learners of all ages and abilities.

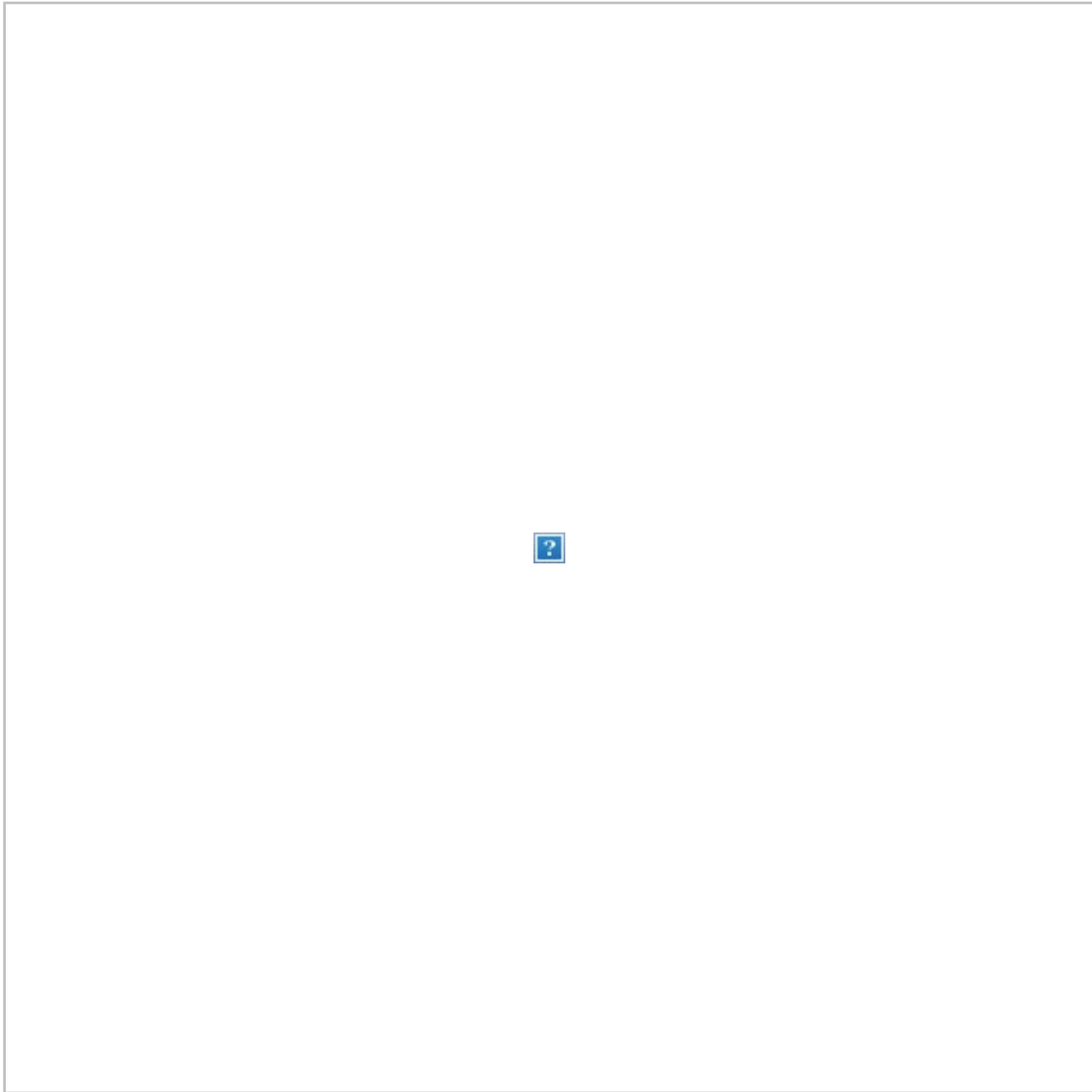
This [new video](#) is a celebration of the passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment that our educators and staff bring to the forefront every day.

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Kent ISD Hires New Director of Adult Education

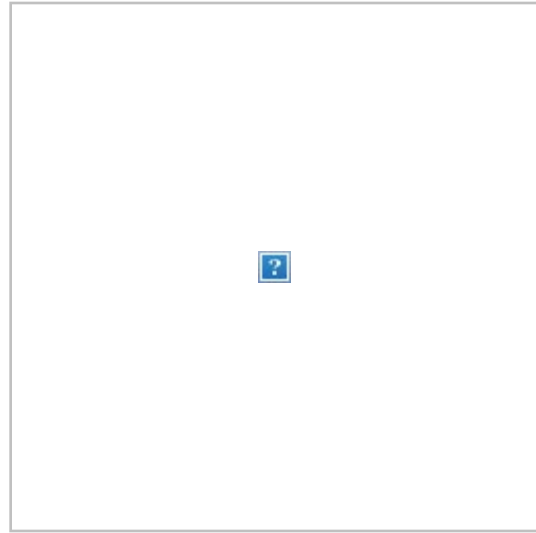
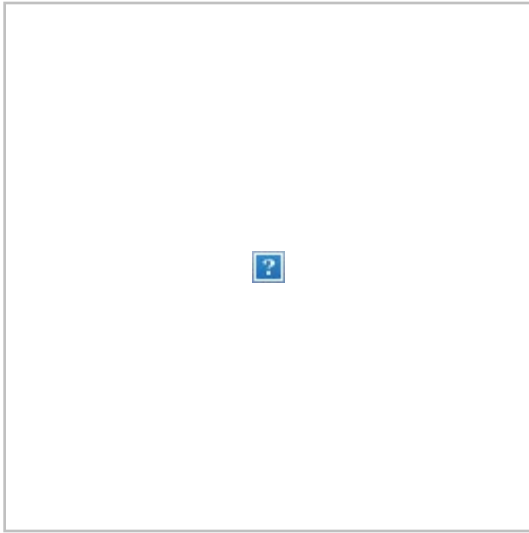
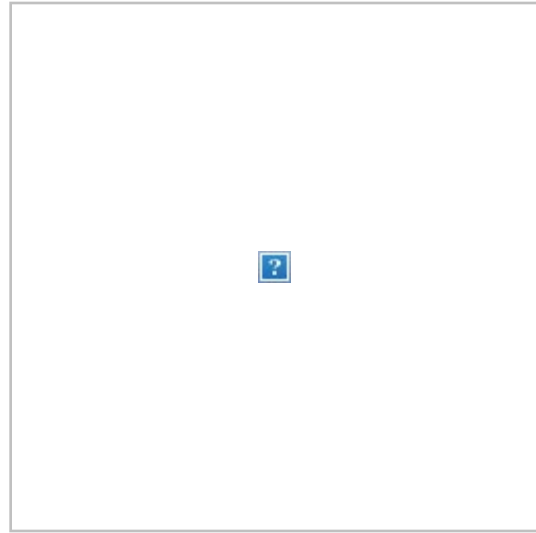
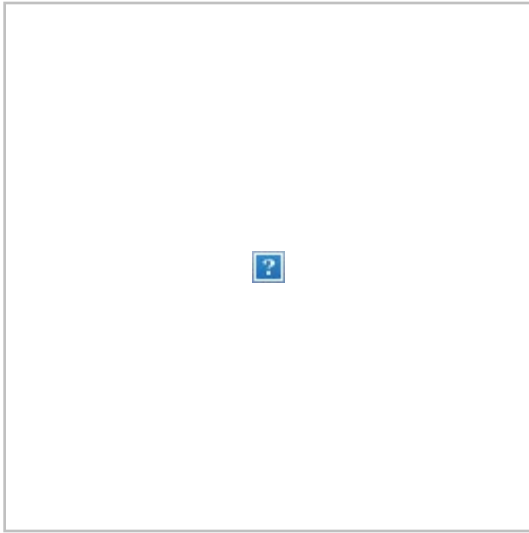
Dr. Laura Preuss has been named the [new Director of Adult Education for Kent ISD](#), succeeding long time director Oogie Lamar who will retire in January. Preuss served previously as Director of Workforce Development at DeWys Metal Solutions and earned her Ph.D. from Western Michigan University with an emphasis in Career and Technical Education. She also has an MA in Adult and Higher Education from Grand Valley State University and will begin working to complete her Michigan school administrator certification. With her experience in workforce development and training for adults, we are excited about what Dr. Preuss will bring to our program, our partners and the community.



Your Dream is Our Dream

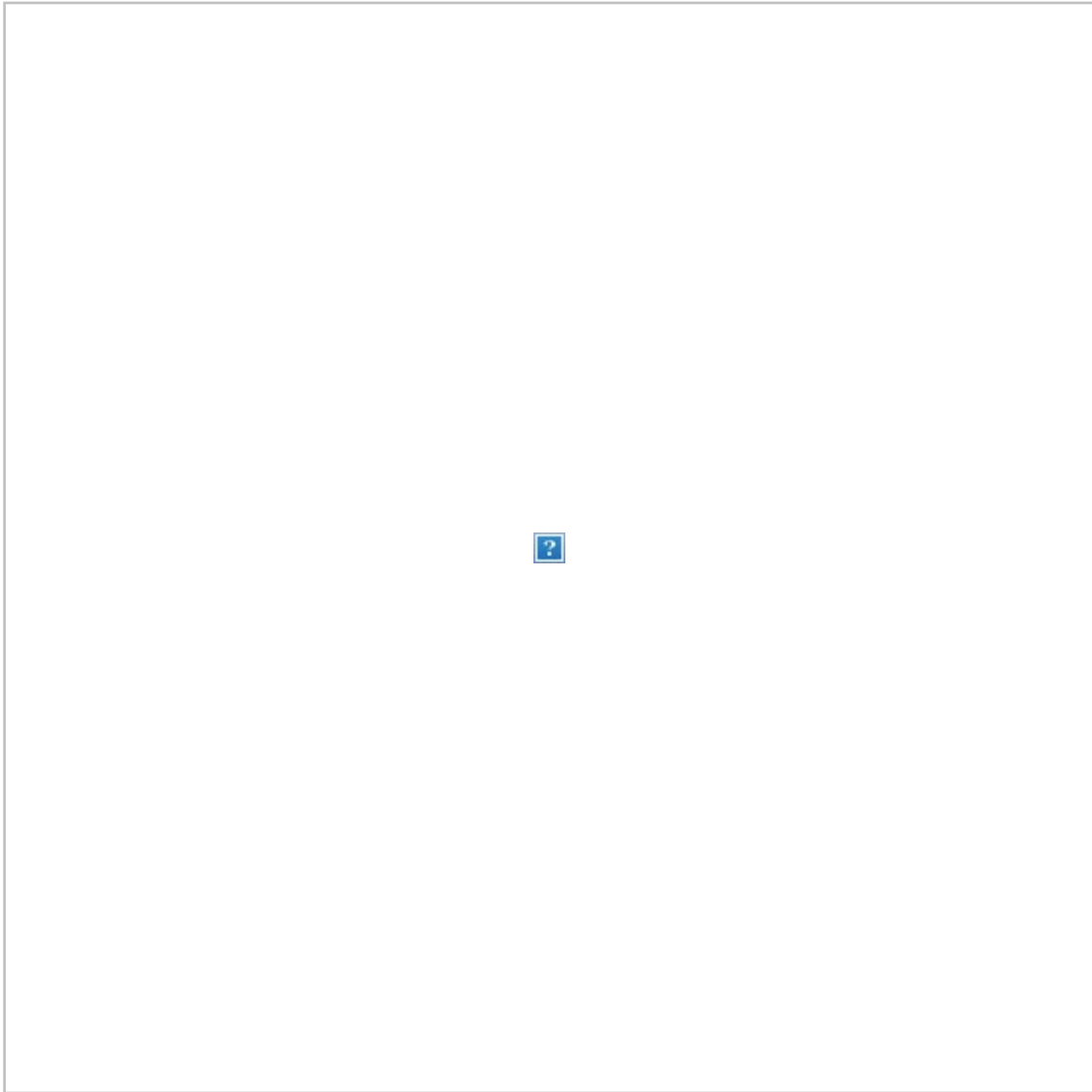
Know a student who dreams big? We are always looking for scholars to celebrate through our Your Dream is Our Dream initiative. Students of all ages from Kent ISD programs and throughout the school districts we serve are featured in our [Your Dream is Our Dream podcast with WGVU Public Media](#), in a series on [School News Network](#), in our social media and on our campus in a dream drawing art gallery. We are always seeking nominations for our next featured dreamers who are reaching their goals with the help of education. Find out more [here](#) and keep dreaming!

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Pine Grove Car Wash

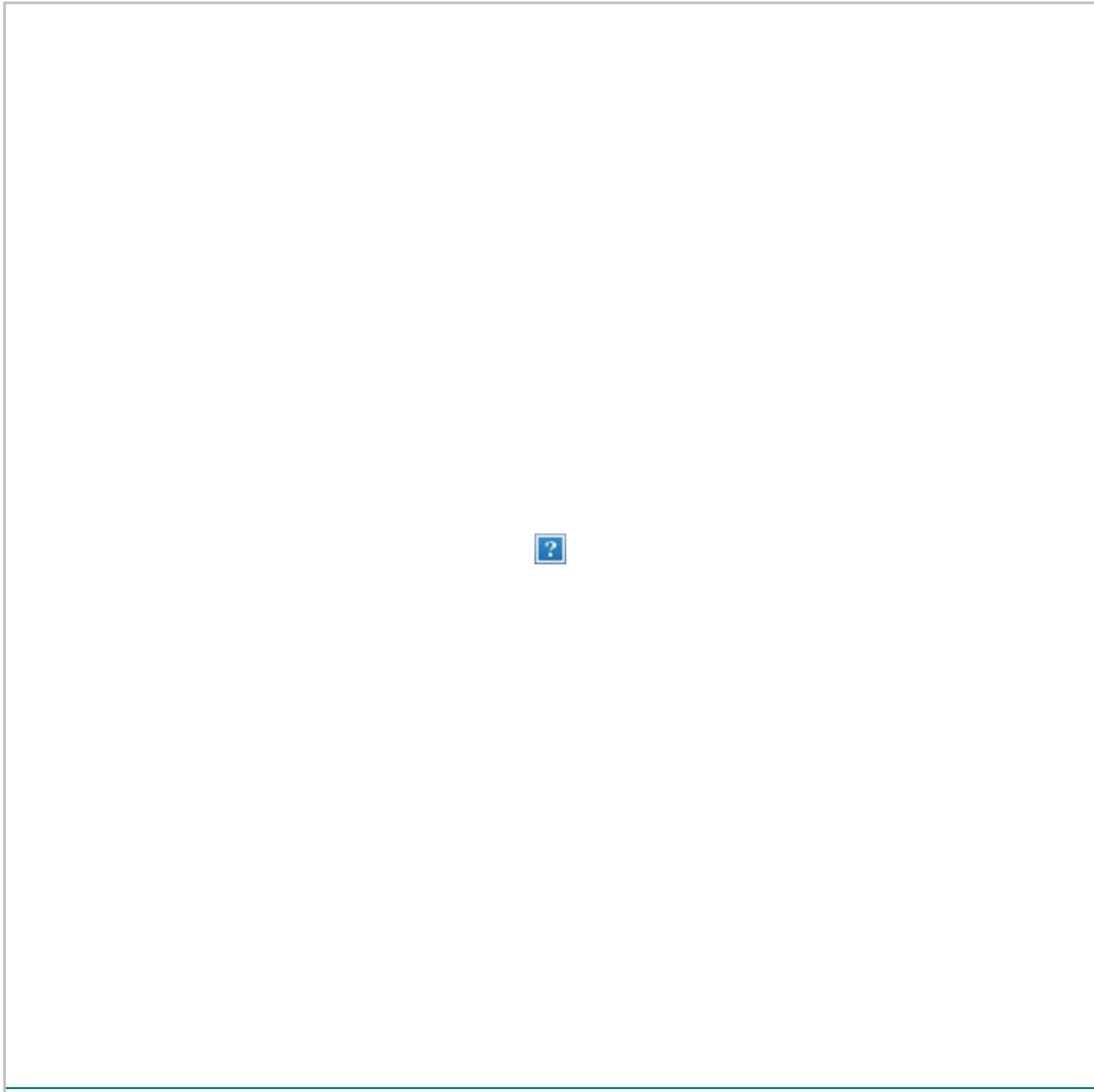
Our Special Education Center programs serve students year-round, including throughout the summer months. Students at [Pine Grove Learning Center](#) in Wyoming took advantage of the beautiful weather late July to host a community car wash. The students and staff sprayed, scrubbed, and dried each car that came through - and there was a steady line! This project fits in beautifully with our Center Programs' mission to build adaptive behavior, mobility, and adult living skills.



Program Spotlight: Education Technology Consultants

The Kent ISD Educational Technology Consultants are a team of educators who focus on supporting teaching and learning through the use of technology tools and resources. The core of what they do is to build the capacity of students and educators to use technology to operate at the highest levels possible. The team knows that helping students and educators build skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity is paramount to their success.

As a service of the Kent ISD, the EdTech Consultants also assist school districts in specifying and selecting hardware to enhance learning. [Check out some of the services they provide for local educators.](#)



Celebrating 10 years of School News Network

Pictured above: reporter Joann Bailey-Boorsma speaks with several Construction Tech students at Kent Career Tech Center

This year we are celebrating a significant milestone, the 10th anniversary of [School News Network](#). Over the past decade, our dedicated team has been committed to sharing the stories, achievements, and innovations within our educational community. From spotlighting the achievements of our exceptional students and educators to delving into the initiatives shaping the future of education, School News Network has served as a steadfast source of inspiration and information. As we reflect on a decade of journalistic excellence, we look forward to the stories yet to be shared and the futures yet to be shaped.



Strings to Schools Exemplifies Education Everywhere

"It makes me feel so much joy." That's how one student at Stocking Elementary in Grand Rapids described learning to play the violin at her school with expert instruction from St. Cecilia Music Center in a partnership called Strings to Schools. The program is free for students and introduces them to instruments and music instruction they might not otherwise experience. At the end of their in school instruction, students perform what they have learned on the stage of St. Cecilia for their families and friends. School News Network shares opportunities for learning that extend beyond the classroom in [Education Everywhere](#) and featured [Strings to Schools](#) in a recent video story.

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