

# Communities In Schools Newsletter



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In Schools®

Northwest Michigan

## What Does a CIS Site Coordinator Do in My School?

Your CIS of Northwest Michigan Site Coordinator is a caring, trained advocate who connects children and families with the resources that they need to be healthy, safe, and ready to learn. The CISNWMI Site Coordinator works alongside teachers and staff in your school every day to provide students with the resources to succeed. We can help when kids need support with:

- Basic needs
- Mental health referrals
- Brain breaks
- Behavioral interventions
- Academic assistance
- Student/teacher relationships
- Fitting in
- Transportation to attend school
- Checking for any needs at home
- Needing a caring adult in their lives



## CIS Stats: Our Impact in Northwest Michigan Schools

**1678**

students served

**100%**

graduation rate

**5**

school districts

**100%**

stayed in school

**65**

volunteers

**40**

community partners

## How Can I Refer a Student for Support?

If you know a student who could benefit from our support to be more productive, confident, or successful in school, contact your CIS Coordinator to complete a referral form. Once the referral form is complete, your CIS Coordinator will follow up with you to determine the best way forward.

*“Programs don’t change  
people, relationships do.”*

**Bill Milliken**

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# Ellsworth Elementary School Spotlights:

## School Year Priorities:

- Social-Emotional Supports
- Family/Community Engagement
- Attendance Support

## Upcoming Event:

**CIS Family Game Night**

**February 13**

**5:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Make Friends - Eat Dinner - Have Fun!**



*Ellsworth Communities In  
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## Spreading Joy and Kindness

The CIS December Family Night served up seasonal fun to over 70 attendees. CIS thanks Good Samaritan for donating mugs to use at the hot cocoa bar!

## Reading is a Gift!

During the season of giving, 74 students received books, which were generously donated by Power Books.

## Standing Up and Standing Tall

School used to be a bright spot in this student's life, but bullying about her appearance made her days less enjoyable. Knowing that her CIS Site Coordinator's door was always open, she looked to Ms. Autumn Moshier for advice and affirmation.

During their time together, Ms. Autumn taught her to believe in the power of her own voice and helped her build her self-esteem. Over time, these strategies encouraged the student to rise above hurtful words and respond with confidence.

Sometimes the tools that students need to succeed aren't in their backpacks, but lie deep within themselves, just waiting to be discovered.