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TO: AnnArbor.com
FROM: Bryan Girbach
RE: September 6th Article - Playing Ypsilanti Community 'just not worth it' says Milan football coach
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As the Superintendent of Milan Area Schools, I acknowledge that Jesse Hoskins, our Varsity Football Coach, made a mistake by making disparaging comments against Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS). I have talked with the Ypsilanti Community Schools' Superintendent, Mr. Menzel, several times regarding the articles. David Kaiser, our Athletic Director, and I have addressed Coach Hoskins regarding his comments about YCS. Coach Hoskins agrees that the comments were inappropriate.

As a 1987 graduate from Ypsilanti High School and colleague of Mr. Menzel and Mrs. Lisiscki, I have been impressed with the consolidation efforts. Every employee in the district is dedicated to making YCS a success for the community.

I agree with Mr. Williams, the YCS Athletic Director's comment, "I just hope that people move on." Milan Area Schools and Ypsilanti Community Schools are part of the same Intermediate School District and we need to support each other in the work being performed for the students of Washtenaw County. Our County has nine outstanding districts that need to continue to work together to improve the education of our county's children.

Thank You,
Bryan Girbach
Superintendent
Milan Area Schools