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1. The Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) was formed before 2000 by five statewide associations. It is administered by the Middle Cities Education Association. While it was originally designed to manage the natural gas and electric procurement of Michigan's K-12 districts, it now provides a number of related services and is currently offering a diesel fuel program and exploring renewables.
2. MISEC is a cooperative. In addition to providing savings to member districts, it has also returned initial investments (\$300,000), reduced deposits (\$240,000) and helped insure members pay less than market rates (\$600,000).
3. It is the largest program of its type in the United States, managing as much as \$100 million annually of energy for Michigan school districts. During its existence, it has saved Michigan school districts over \$120 million in energy costs. MISEC saved its electric members about \$15 million for the last two years alone which equated to approximately \$35 per pupil. MISEC provides over 600 million kilowatt hours of electricity to approximately 1,000 Michigan school meters.

The Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative is an outstanding example of a best practice in Michigan's schools.

