

A Brief History of DROM January 2011

More than three years ago, in response to a call for more cooperation among local units of government, several Wayne County K-12 school districts came together to form the Down River Operations Managers (DROM).

From the beginning, cooperative purchasing proposals went out for bid on products and services ranging from trash hauling, to paper products, and air filters. Recently, the group tabulated a cumulative average annual savings of \$450,000.

The group has now grown to include 21 districts (see list below) in the Wayne County area. In addition to cooperative purchasing, DROM meets monthly to discuss best practices, share resources, and provide ongoing training to the member districts.

Our annual DROM Maintenance Expo brings together 500 custodial and maintenance staff from all the districts for a day of training. At our 2009 Expo, DROM was recognized by the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) with a Meridian Award for excellence in practice.

Airport Community Schools
Allen Park Public Schools
Dearborn Heights #7
Flat Rock Community Schools
Gibraltar Schools
Grosse Isle Schools
Hamtramck Public Schools
Huron School District
Lincoln Park Public Schools
Melvindale Northern Allen Park
Perrysburg Schools (Ohio)
Redford Union Schools
River Rouge School District
Riverview Community Schools
Romulus Community Schools
Southgate Community Schools
Taylor School District
Trenton Public Schools
Woodhaven Brownstown Schools
Wyandotte Public Schools
Ypsilanti