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SALINE: Study shows Saline graduates heading off to college, but taking longer to graduate

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For the first time, the Saline school district is learning how to track its students after they graduate from high school.

In a study conducted by the Washtenaw County Intermediate School District, using information from state and national sources, officials are learning that college is a popular destination for its graduates, but it's taking longer for them to finish college. The high school leads the six-year college degree rate, but officials believe they can do more.

Naomi Norman presented the data to the Board of Education May 8 in a report titled "Are our graduates ready for career and college success?"



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She asked the board and the audience to guess the percentages of:

*Saline High School students who go to college directly after high school.

*Saline High School students who go to college after two years.

*Saline High School students who take a remedial class when they get to college.

She also asked everyone to guess the official college graduation rate for the class of 2005 and the top three

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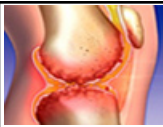
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colleges for Saline High School graduates

The questions were Norman's way to lead into the data sets intended to help the school district determine the rate of Saline students going on to college.

"So many times, we wonder how well our students are doing," she said. "How are our fourth-graders are doing, how our seniors, how are our seventh-graders are doing? **Continued...**

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