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After several meetings with superintendents of schools throughout the State of Michigan it is apparent that one of their major needs is a service from the universities which would provide consultation and expertise in problem areas.

The College of Education at Western Michigan University has recently established a Research, Evaluation, Development, Experimentation (R.E.D.E.) Center. The Director of the R.E.D.E. Center is Dr. Rodney Roth. The primary purpose of the center is service to school districts. The R.E.D.E. Center accomplishes its purpose by meeting with school personnel in order to identify and analyze needs and problem areas. The R.E.D.E. Center then identifies and coordinates the appropriate expertise in order to assist the school system in solving their needs or problem areas. In the specific area of reading the R.E.D.E. Center could help with a needs assessment, performance objectives, delivery system analysis, evaluation, and in-service education.

Any school district interested in consulting with Dr. Roth about the services of the center is urged to contact him at Western Michigan University.