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**From Your Superintendent
*The Pursuit of Excellence***



Karl D. Paulson
Superintendent

I write to you to share reflections on the 2009-10 school year and provide you a snapshot of what you can expect from Lakeview in 2010-11. Please read on and feel free to share this

information with neighbors, friends, and anyone else you feel could benefit from it.

School District Finances

The past few years have been trying times in our Michigan economy, and these economic troubles have a direct impact on our schools. Revenue we receive from Lansing has been stagnant and we have had to become more efficient to stave off program reductions or teacher layoffs. The revenue we receive is based on our head count audits that are performed three times per year, and as the District has grown in students, we have grown our revenue. This is the only way to accomplish the many good things that have happened in our schools during the past couple of years. Last year, I proposed a Budget to our Board of Education for 2009-10 that included several program improvements and enhance-

ments (major technology purchase, elementary music change, new textbooks, etc.). We successfully negotiated responsible employee contracts with all five of our employee groups that last through summer 2011. **Ultimately, Lakeview's Budget for 2009-10 included no program cuts or layoffs.** Lakeview was unique in the tri-county area in this financial stability; everyone around us went through a round of cuts last year that directly impacted their programs.

The budgeting process for next year is no less difficult with State finances still in disarray. However, I am happy to report that Lakeview's administration proposed a Budget for 2010-11 on June 15, 2010 that has **no program cuts or layoffs. This is unheard of for 2010-11 in the Metro Detroit area.** Prudent financial planning, continued growth in student enrollment, and efficiencies in all areas are allowing us to propose a Budget that continues to put the most money on instruction of any of our neighboring districts. Implementation of our long-term Strategic Plan with teaching and learning as the number one priority continues to be our focus. Lakeview families can be proud of our District's financial health because this fact has a direct correlation to student success and opportunities.

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**CHANGE IN RESIDENCY
Important 2010/11
Enrollment News**

If you have had a **change of residency, you must** contact the Enrollment Office at (586) 445-4000, ext. 2504.

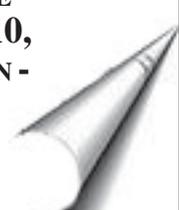
Your child will be permitted to remain in Lakeview if:

- You are still a Macomb County resident
- You submit the External School of Choice Application by 8/20/10 (available at www.lakeview.misd.net), and
- You provide updated residency items.

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**REMEMBER TO VOTE
ON AUGUST 3, 2010,
PRIMARY ELECTION -
NON-HOMESTEAD
RENEWAL**



District Seeks to Renew Non-Homestead Millage

On August 3rd, the District will request that voters renew the millage rate on non-homestead property. **If approved, this will not increase taxes for homestead property owners.** Please see details on Page 11 & 12.

Three Schools Earn "Emerald" Status

Congratulations to Harmon Elementary, Jefferson Middle School and Lakeview High School students and staff who have earned "Emerald" Status in the Michigan Green Schools Program. The schools were recognized at a special achievement awards ceremony on April 22nd at the Macomb Intermediate School District.

The Emerald designation, which was a new initiative for 2009/10, challenges schools to do more environmental activities. To reach Emerald Status, a school must achieve a minimum of 15 points. This must include 10 of the 20 original points and 5 additional points from either the original list or the new list of recycling incentives.

Business Department Goes Green

This past winter, the Lakeview Business Office announced that the District was going "green" with payroll.

As of November 27th, all payroll was converted to an on-line direct deposit payroll stub process for all employees eliminating the need to print and distribute checks. Employees are directed to a secure password protected website to view and print their own information as needed.



GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR TITLE VI, IX, SECTION 504, AGE DISCRIMINATION AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Section I - If any person believes that the Lakeview Public Schools or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and (5) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, s/he may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the District's Civil Rights Coordinator, Executive Director for Human Resources, Lakeview Public Schools, 20300 Statler, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081, 586-445-4000 X-2503.

Section II - The person who believes s/he has a valid basis for grievance shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the local Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant. S/He may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

Step 1 - A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The Coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.

Step 2 - If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, s/he may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days after receipt of the Coordinator's response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.

Step 3 - If the complainant remains unsatisfied, s/he may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of his/her receipt of the Superintendent's response in step two. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within forty (40) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) business days of this meeting.

BOARD APPROVES TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES It's a Win-Win for Lakeview Students

Lakeview Public Schools commitment to the District's 3,400 students is "tech-heavy" after the Board approved the purchase of over \$650,000 for extensive computer upgrades this past winter. "Acquiring technology to enhance instruction and improve learning opportunities has been of particular focus the past two years", stated Karl Paulson, Superintendent. "Even during difficult financial times, Lakeview puts our money where our mission is", stated Paulson, referring to other purchases for textbooks and computers bought from the General Fund in the last two years. In 2009, the District adopted a Strategic Plan for 2009-2014, with one focus area on technology and instructional materials, and also revised the District Technology Plan for 2009-2012. "This most recent purchase puts the computer upgrades over \$800,000 for 2009-10 alone," adds Tracy VanPeeren, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Technology.

On February 23rd, the Lakeview Board of Education approved the purchase of student and staff Desktop, Laptop, and Netbook Computers from Netech Corporation. This most recent bid award included the purchase of 260 student desktops for secondary computer labs, business labs, and technology classrooms; including the CAD lab, tech lab, mass media classroom, newspaper, and year-book classrooms. The contract also included the purchase of 480 student netbook computers and charging carts which will equate to 2 netbook carts of 30 computers for each of the elementary buildings, and 4 netbook carts of 30 computers for each of the secondary

buildings. These devices add to the already extensive inventory the district has acquired through General Fund and bond related purchases since 2002. This latest project was completed at the end of April, 2010.

When instructional needs appeared, particularly in the last two years, the District has acquired a number of Elmo electronic overheads, computer

Advisory Committee," stated Ms. VanPeeren.

"Lakeview has been fortunate to have the support of the community through successful bond elections and the support of the Board in making decisions that have made it possible to purchase a significant amount of technology in recent years," states Superintendent Paulson.

"All of this is possible because of community support for the 2001 and 2007 bond initiatives, our growth in enrollment, and with business partner donations. Ultimately, Lakeview's school build-

ings have continued to make significant technology improvements in devices and in our infrastructure, even during the last several years of uncertain financial times," states Superintendent Paulson. "Lakeview's technology upgrades are providing 21st century equipment for 21st century students."

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projection devices, and digital cameras. Additionally, 36 desktop computers, 39 mini-tower computers, 39 laptop computers, and 65 Netbook computers were added to Lakeview's inventory in 2008-09. "All of these improvements are a direct result of recommendations that have been researched and supported through the District's Technology

Shores Network for Action and Prevention (SNAP) Project

On May 20th, students from Lakeview, South Lake and Lake Shore participated in SNAP's Alcohol & Tobacco Retailers Project.

The students accompanied police officers and Judge Oster, SNAP Chairperson, on visits to 50 gas stations, liquor stores and convenience stores in the city providing educational hand-outs explaining Michigan's laws pertaining to tobacco and alcohol sales. For further information on SNAP, email snapcoalition@gmail.com.



District Celebrates Cafeteria and Auxiliary Gym Grand Opening

On February 23, 2010, the Board of Education, Administration, staff, students, parents, and former Board Members celebrated the opening of the Lakeview High School Cafeteria and Auxiliary Gym. Over 100 people took part in the presentation and ribbon cutting ceremony marking the official opening of both facilities that were made possible with the support of the community and the passage of the 2007 Bond.

Since it's opening, the cafeteria has been host to numerous school and community events including a New Student Open House, high school Curriculum Night, Town Hall Meeting and a graduation party. (See facility rental information on page 5.)

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria, which has the capacity to serve lunch to over 400 students during a single lunch hour, has a side wing that can be used for smaller venues. Both the cafeteria and gym feature new sound systems and technology for presentations.

AUXILIARY GYM

Following the United States Supreme Court Decision for equity in boys and girls sports seasons, the MHSAA had to realign the sports seasons, including both boys and girls basketball to be played in the same season. This compliance began with the start of the 2007-08 school year.

Thank you!

The new cafeteria & gym was made possible by the support of the Lakeview Community. A special thank you to **former Board member Joseph Krutell and parent Tracy Hughye** for their role and hard work in the successful passage of the 2007 Bond Issue.



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[Top right] Board President Daniel Dombrowski, 2009 Miss St. Clair Shores Kim Trocchio and Superintendent Karl Paulson.

Administrators and former Board Members share an evening of celebration. [Top Row (l-r)] William Putney, Tasha McIntyre, Carol Herbon, Timothy Houlihan, Philip Thomas, Jr., Catherine Culhane, Karl Paulson, Kim Trocchio, Brent Case, Daniel Dombrowski, Sean Zaborowski, Michael Wenner, Donald Wheaton, Jr., Anne McDaid, Tracy VanPeeren. [Bottom (l-r)] Robert Michielutti, Joseph Claycomb, Joseph Krutell, Kenneth Eggly, and Ian Smith.

District Offers Facilities for Business & Event Rental

Whether your event is a large or small venue, Lakeview has the facility for you. Lakeview Public Schools offers a variety of locations for rental including Schaublin Auditorium. The auditorium features 1,528 seats, is a state-of-the-art performance space, with audio, video, lighting, air conditioning, wireless internet, and all the theatrical elements to host meetings, concerts, dance, etc.

If your event requires less space, consider our brand new Cafeteria with full Audio/Video capabilities for meetings,

parties, or small performance events. The cafeteria has a capacity of 400 people, two configuration options, both with A/V for presentation, with an area for catering. Our staff will work with you to plan your day and make your event special!

For rental information, contact Auditorium Manager Warren Wilson at (586) 445-4000, ext. 2755 or visit the website at: <http://www.lakeview.misd.net/auditorium.aspx>.

Cafeteria events could include, but are not limited to:

- Business Functions
- Graduation Party
- Baby Shower
- Bridal Shower
- Wedding Reception
- Religious Ceremony
- Award Ceremony
- Holiday Parties
- Luncheons - *non-school days*
- Dinners
- Meetings
- Receptions
- Family Reunion
- Class Reunion



**FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT...
CAFETERIA, MEETING ROOM, GYM AND
STATE-OF-THE ART AUDITORIUM**



STUDENT RECOGNITION

ASBE Design Winners

Lakeview High School drafting students, **seniors Jeff Carothers and Jon Xuereb** submitted winning entries in the 2010 American Society of Body Engineers (ASBE) Design Competition. They received recognition at an awards banquet on March 25th. Students from at least 10 different districts in southeastern Michigan (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Genesee counties) entered the competition.

The ASBE is a professional group of sheet metal and body designers for the auto industry and other transportation sectors (rail, air, etc.) This year's competition was to design a dome light for a light rail vehicle such as an Amtrak car. According to the

ASBE and high school teacher Gary Gingras, Jeff and Jon have both shown that they have the ability to have a rewarding career in the field of industrial design engineering, whether in vehicle, aerospace or manufacturing.

MCTEAA Career Tech Students Recognized

Lakeview High School senior **Alex Bayer** was a 2010 Career Technical Education (CTE) Award Winner in the Engineering / Drafting CTE Program. Alex's passion for engineering design and drafting developed through working construction with his dad. Last year, Alex received a 2nd place regional award and a state honorable mention award for work that he submitted for the MITES

competition. He hopes to pursue a mechanical or biomedical engineering degree.

Eric Mausolf was also recognized as a 2010 CTE Award Winner in the Automotive Technology CTE Program. Eric is always looking for ways to assist other students while he is working in the auto shop or lab. He looks for automotive challenges and is often the student selected to repair brakes, ball joints, and oil changes on the cars that are brought into the automotive class.

Senior **Tommy Culhane** was also acknowledged during the CTE Awards Breakfast on February 5th for his recognition on radio station WOMC & WYCD - Career Tech Student of the Month in November.

Lakeview Students Achieve Eagle Scout Status

Kudos to Lakeview High School seniors (l-r) Bradley Carothers, D.C. Wheaton, and Jeffrey Carothers who recently completed their "steps" in character training as they were recognized for achieving Eagle Scout status. To reach the rank of Eagle Scout, the candidate must obtain 21 merit badges by completing a very rigorous course of requirements including planning a project benefitting his school or community. Each of these young men have received this honor for their unwavering determination and perseverance.

Bradley designed and oversaw the construction and installation of a paper storage unit at Jefferson Middle School; Jeffrey facilitated the painting of the "No Dumping Drains to Lake" sewer notices in a one-square mile area of St. Clair Shores; and D.C. planned and coordinated the reorganization and inventorying of a storage room for theatre props at Lakeview High School.

"An individual step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual."

Robert Baden-Powell



Superintendent - Continued from page 1**Teaching and Learning**

Our principals and teachers have developed a **culture of continuous improvement** with a commitment to refining practices and making improvement to instructional delivery and systems. Below are a few highlights that outline *some* of the practices that have resulted in academic achievement gains for 2009-10 and that will impact 2010-11:

- K-2nd grade universal screening in reading helped teachers provide targeted, data driven instructional delivery at the child's individual level of understanding-this is a direct result of implementing our Response to Intervention framework. (*See Article - Page 10*)
- K-5th Daily 5 reading strategy was implemented to increase student reading achievement and stamina.
- All middle school teachers are implementing consistent reading strategies to improve reading through the teaching of content areas (impacts both language arts and the content areas).
- Opportunities for honors/gifted were expanded to allow high achieving students to accelerate their learning in areas of mathematics and language arts, particularly at the middle school.
- Opportunities for struggling students are available before, during, and after the school day at all levels.
- Implemented 8th-10th assessment tools for collection of data to assist in making decisions about individual student learning and about improving programs, departments, and delivery systems at the high school.
- High school teachers are utilizing writing prompts to provide students common experiences in expository writing skills to improve outcomes on the Michigan Merit Exam and ACT.
- All high school content area teachers are providing students "ACT-like" test questions throughout the year to provide

students experience in high stakes testing skills (this change will impact 2010-11).

A District-wide, on-line assessment, called NWEA, tool will be utilized next fall to further refine practice and provide individual data on students for families. Additional **technology hardware and new textbook purchases** are also planned for in the 2010-11 Budget. Once again, Lakeview is unique in continuing to replace aging materials and equipment during a time when State finances are scarce. Additional extra-curricular opportunities are being implemented to provide more students chances to grow on the social and emotional side. Lakeview is committed to providing extra-curricular opportunities because we know they help develop well rounded, responsible citizens. All of the improvements and expanded opportunities will allow our students the chance at a 21st century education while those around us are cutting. Lastly because of the recent State Retirement Incentive, we will be hiring approximately 16 NEW teachers to handle the retirements (remember, we had no one on layoff!).

Facilities/Equipment

The Board supported administration's recommendation to purchase over **\$800,000 worth of new technology equipment** for use in all buildings in February. Netbook laptops, student desktops and teacher laptops were all part of our district-wide technology replacement program. Also, bond improvements continued throughout the year, with new copiers, additional technology infrastructure and other smaller items. The highlight event during 2009-10 was the Grand Opening of the new auxiliary gym and cafeteria at the high school. New lunch menu options will be coming in 2010-11 as a result of some surveys of students and parents this year. This summer, energy efficient lighting improvements and playfield site improvements have already begun. New classroom computer projectors are expected to be purchased as teachers begin utilizing the new laptops provided to them. Our

buildings have had more than **\$50 Million worth of work completed since 2002**, bringing Lakeview to the "cutting edge", providing safe, secure, and up-to-date facilities for student use.

Headlee Millage Vote-August 3, 2010 (Tuesday)

Five years ago, the District sought support of the voters to approve the local 18 mills allowable for non-homestead and business property. This millage question will be **ON THE BALLOT August 3, 2010**. I am asking all registered voters to make sure to get out and vote in the upcoming primary election where Lakeview will be asking voters to **RENEW this millage**. In other words, we do not need to raise taxes, just renew what has been in place for the past 5 years. To save cost for elections, and because this was supported by an overwhelming margin in 2005, Lakeview's Board is asking the community to support this measure for 10 years (which is common). Lakeview's Board approved a resolution (7-0) to this effect at their Regular Board of Education Meeting on May 18, 2010. Mark your calendar and please tell your friends and neighbors to get out and vote in the primary election. A question and answer document is available on our website (www.lakeview.misd.net), or feel free to call the administration building, 445-4000, ext. 2510, if you have any questions.

As you can tell, I am **VERY PROUD** to be your superintendent and am humbled by the Board's appreciation and support of our efforts. Your Board and I have put together a team of administrators, teachers and support staff that I believe is the best in the Metro Detroit area. The improvements we have planned for 2010-11 will continue to position us as **The Best Choice For Your Child's Pursuit of Excellence**. As always, my door, email, and phone are always open to your comments, questions, and encouragement. Enjoy a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

District's 2009 MEAP Scores Consistent with County Slightly Above State

The charts on this page provide Lakeview Public Schools comparisons for the last three years MEAP scores. "We're pleased that our students continue to perform competitively with those students in other districts throughout the county and the state," comments Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Technology Tracy VanPeeren. "We're very happy that recent programming changes, instructional strategies, and delivery methods that we've implemented over the last couple of years have made a positive impact on student achievement," states Ms. VanPeeren.

Reading, Math, and Social Studies continue to be our strong areas. Lakeview is above county and state averages in the area of Math in grades 3, 5, and 8. Social Studies scores are also above county and state averages. The District is making gains in many areas and will continue to implement aggressive strategies to raise student achievement.

All of our buildings have school improvement plans which have identified goals and strategies that address raising student achievement. The students, teachers, and administrators in Lakeview have been working hard and it shows!

MEAP Comparison Lakeview Public Schools District Summary: Grades 3-8 Fall 2007, 2008, and 2009

MEAP: Language Arts							
Grade	Fall 2007		Fall 2008		Fall 2009		
	% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		
	District	State	District	State	District	County	State
3rd Grade Reading	90	86	82	86	89	92	90
3rd Grade Writing	61	57	62	61	Discontinued for 2009		
3rd Grade ELA	84	81	81	83	Discontinued for 2009		
4th Grade Reading	86	84	88	83	81	85	84
4th Grade Writing	55	44	58	44	Discontinued for 2009		
4th Grade ELA	79	76	82	77	Discontinued for 2009		
5th Grade Reading	84	82	84	82	88	87	85
5th Grade Writing	61	59	68	63	Discontinued for 2009		
5th Grade ELA	83	78	83	78	Discontinued for 2009		
6th Grade Reading	83	82	86	81	86	90	88
6th Grade Writing	75	73	75	76	Discontinued for 2009		
6th Grade ELA	81	80	85	80	Discontinued for 2009		
7th Grade Reading	82	72	77	80	87	83	82
7th Grade Writing	85	77	72	78	Discontinued for 2009		
7th Grade ELA	84	74	75	80	Discontinued for 2009		
8th Grade Reading	81	77	79	76	82	85	83
8th Grade Writing	75	70	74	74	Discontinued for 2009		
8th Grade ELA	80	75	79	77	Discontinued for 2009		

*Lakeview Reading scores have gone up in 2009 in 4 of the 6 grades and stayed the same in one.

MEAP: Science							
Grade	Fall 2007		Fall 2008		Fall 2009		
	% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		
	District	State	District	State	District	County	State
5th Grade	86	82	92	83	88	82	81
8th Grade	80	79	80	76	75	76	76

*Lakeview Science scores have gone down slightly in both grades from 2008 but continue to be at or above county and state averages.

MEAP: Social Studies							
Grade	Fall 2007		Fall 2008		Fall 2009		
	% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		
	District	State	District	State	District	County	State
6th Grade	72	73	78	74	77	76	73
9th Grade	66	71	68	72	76	72	71

*6th grade Social Studies scores went down slightly from 2008 but are still above county and state averages. 9th grade Social Studies scores went up 7% points from last year and are also above county state averages.

MEAP: Math							
Grade	Fall 2007		Fall 2008		Fall 2009		
	% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		% Proficient (Level 1 & 2)		
	District	State	District	State	District	County	State
3rd Grade	92	90	92	91	97	96	95
4th Grade	90	86	91	88	93	93	92
5th Grade	82	74	82	77	86	81	79
6th Grade	78	73	82	80	84	85	82
7th Grade	82	73	90	83	82	84	82
8th Grade	77	71	84	75	76	72	70

*Lakeview Math scores are up from last year in grades 3 - 6. Scores decreased from 2008 in grades 7 and 8 but are still above state averages.

Lakeview Announces Outstanding Teachers of the Year

"A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils."

Ever Garrison, Author

The District is proud to announce teachers **Dianna Collier**, **Ann Carrico** (*retired as of June 30th*), and **James Schneider**, as this year's Teachers of the Year. These outstanding educators were also submitted for recognition in the 2010 Macomb Division Outstanding Teacher Award.



Elementary teacher Dianna Collier was nominated by her peers for her dedication to the elementary students at Harmon.

Collier received her Bachelors Degree from Michigan State University and her Master of Arts in Teaching from Saginaw Valley State University. Ms. Collier, who began her career at Lakeview in 1992, has taught both lower and upper elementary at Princeton and Harmon. She has served as an elementary At-Risk MEAP tutor and taught during an At-Risk Summer MEAP Science Camp.

In 1999, she was selected as the Michigan Social Studies Educator of the Year by the Michigan Council for Social Studies (MCSS). In 2004, she began serving, in a voluntary role, as an Executive Board member of the MCSS. She was selected along with teaching colleagues throughout Michigan to participate in a statewide Social Studies Summit at the Capital. She has been a member of several committees including the District School Improvement Committee.

"Lakeview Public Schools is filled with passionate, dedicated teachers who help lead students to realize their potential while preparing them for their future," states Ms. Collier. "I am most honored to have been selected as Lakeview Public Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2010 by my colleagues."



Jefferson Middle School teacher Ann Carrico

has been described as a kind, creative and sincere educator who has displayed a great deal of

patience with her students throughout her teaching career. Ms. Carrico, who received her Bachelors Degree from Wayne State University and her Master of Arts from Eastern Michigan University, joined the Lakeview Family in 1969 as a 6th Grade teacher at Maple Park Elementary. Over the years, she has taught social studies, math and science at Maple Park, Gordon, and Ardmore Elementary and since 1998 she has been at Jefferson Middle School. She has served on various committees including writing, curriculum and interview teams. She's also served on the District School Improvement Team and Building School Improvement Team, and has mentored new teachers. Throughout the years, Ms. Carrico has been a student government, safety patrol and service squad sponsor and chaperoned numerous 6th Grade Camps.

"Ms. Carrico is a teacher from the heart," states Assistant Principal Sherry Michalowicz. "Her love of teaching and her students is evident everyday in every lesson, interaction, comment, and task." Students who have been in her classes will attest to the long-lasting, positive influence she has had over their lives.

"Being chosen as a nominee for Teacher of the Year by my peers is a compliment that I will always cherish," states Carrico. "I am extremely honored."

Teacher James Schneider was nominated by staff and students as this year's outstanding teacher at Lakeview High School. Mr. Schneider, who received his Bachelor of Science - College of Technology and his Masters of Science in Career

& Tech Education from Ferris State University, teaches automotive at Lakeview High School. He began his career with the District in 1998.

Mr. Schneider provides a safe environment in the auto shop, classroom and lab. He displays an everyday example of responsibility, dignity, and caring for his students and for other teachers in the building. He demonstrates to each student the pride and quality they need to show in all of

their work. He sponsors an Auto Club program after school, where he goes beyond what is learned in the classroom and serves as the Co-Op Coordinator. He is a teacher that is devoted to his students mentoring and preparing them to take the State test for brakes, oil changes, etc. His students leave his classroom with the necessary credentials and certificates to seek employment or apply for college or trade schools. "I was very surprised when I found out I was the teacher of the year," states Schneider. "Lakeview is full of deserving prospects. It is hard to describe the feeling of being selected, but it does feel good."

Lakeview Public Schools students, staff and parents congratulate these outstanding choices for this year's Teacher of the Year. "Their dedication to teaching has had a positive impact on all their students and fellow colleagues," states Superintendent Paulson. This year's recipients joined their fellow colleagues throughout Macomb County at an Outstanding Teacher Banquet on April 29th hosted by the Macomb Intermediate School District.



Response to Intervention (RtI)

WHAT IS RTI? It is a school wide, multi-tiered approach to provide instruction and services to struggling students. Successful RtI frameworks have four key components which include:

- Effective core instruction
- Universal screening of student academic skill levels and behavior
- Decision making based upon continuous monitoring of student performances against benchmarks or student outcome expectations
- Multiple tiers of increasingly intense evidence-based interventions.

WHY RTI FOR LAKEVIEW? In effort to address Lakeview Public Schools' goal of improving achievement for all students, District administration viewed the Response to Intervention Framework as a vehicle to bring all staff together to accomplish the enormous task of transforming education, improving instruction and raising student achievement district-wide.

Our ultimate goal at Lakeview is to have our educators examine current practices and determine how best to change their strategies to improve student outcomes so that students do not fall further behind or fall through the cracks. "The goal is for students to get immediate access to small-group instruction and targeted assistance to whatever learning gap has been identified without being isolated from ongoing classroom instruction. Once the student is caught up and no longer needs extra support, that extra support is available to other students who might need it. Students should not have to get a label or wait for a long process of evaluation to get help," states the National Education Association.

We have found in our own research and planning that the RtI framework has the potential to identify gifted

students who we can plan to move forward and provide more a rigorous educational experience as well. Thus, RtI has the potential of reforming instruction for all students.

WHERE DOES LAKEVIEW STAND WITH RTI? First it is important to say that our teachers have expressed excitement and a level of commitment in going forward with the creation of an RtI framework. We have had several teachers embrace the concept, conduct their own research and make valuable contributions to the creation of the Lakeview framework.

In addition to teacher leaders, we have been researching tools and best practices from local districts to individual classrooms across the United States. We have connected our administrators with various networks for technical support and training. One of our District administrators, Sherry Michalowicz, has become our resident expert who has been working with staff day in and day out on building the framework, collecting and analyzing student data, and instructional practices that will improve the outcomes for students. Another key teacher, Jen Donnelly, has been assigned to work in elementary classrooms and participate on Child Study Teams in an effort to support the teachers in looking at how to better serve struggling learners. A core RtI team has been established in each building in the District and has been trained on the philosophical aspect of RtI and what it could mean for students in Lakeview. With this, we continue to build capacity with staff and provide relevant training that we can connect to our goal.

We are currently in the process of examining tools we need to get the job done. This includes screeners, progress monitoring tools and researched base interventions. We also have some structural staffing issues that need to be closely examined and redefined so that we can provide better instruction and services to our students. Our building principals, Ms.

Michalowicz and Ms. Donnelly will continue to lead the mission next year along with support from the District's central office staff.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM OUR COMMUNITY? At this point, we want to continue to work with our community (parents, guardians and outside agencies) to enlist support and understanding for the RtI framework. Some things we have already accomplished include a community presentation at our Board Meeting last October, elementary universal screener letters were sent to parents in October and Ms. Brown has published several things on the Student Services Website related to RtI. For the most part a lot of our communication has been internal as we strived to conduct research on best practice.

The time has come to communicate with our parents even more. Please watch for additional newsletters, website postings, and other forms of communication centered on RtI. If you have any questions regarding Lakeview's RtI plans, please contact Christine Brown at cbrown@scslakeview-k12.com.

Lakeview's approach to establishing a framework is being very well thought out. The District has received many compliments from our local intermediate school district up to professional organizations at the national level. We are proud of our work and ready to move forward with more implementation.



District seeks to renew non-homestead millage

On August 3, the district will request that voters renew the millage rate on non-homestead property. If approved, this **will not increase taxes for homestead property owners**. The current millage levy will expire December 5, 2010.

This non-homestead millage is for operating purposes only. It is **not** part of the bond issue that the voters approved in November 2007.

More information on the non-homestead millage is presented in a question and answer format in the paragraphs that follow.

Will this affect my property taxes?

The non-homestead millage is **only** levied on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property within the district. **It is not levied on homestead property**. The tax rate on homestead property **will not** go up if the millage passes and it will not go down if it fails.

To determine if your property is classified as homestead or non-homestead, please refer to your last property tax bill.

Approximately 82% of the total taxable property value in the district is classified as homestead, so most property **will not** be affected by this millage.

Will the non-homestead millage affect the millage rate on homestead property?

No, it affects only non-homestead property and non-qualified agricultural property. Examples of non-homestead property are: industrial, commercial, second homes, vacant land and agricultural property.

How much revenue will the non-homestead millage provide?

The General Fund would receive approximately \$2.5 million dollars of funding for 2011-12. Without this millage, the district would be forced to reduce or eliminate programs and services to offset the revenue loss

because this is not replaced by the State.

For how long is the proposed levy?

The proposed millage is for ten (10) years (tax years 2011 - 2020 inclusive.)

Why ten (10) years?

A ten-year millage will enable the district to project this portion of its revenues with more certainty than if the district were to seek this millage more frequently but for shorter terms. This will also ensure that Lakeview Public Schools will continue to receive full state funding.

Since the Michigan Constitution limits the school operating levy on non-homestead property to 18 mills, why is Lakeview requesting voter approval of 19.0742 mills?

The additional 1.0742 mills protects against Headlee roll backs.

None of the 1.0742 mills can be levied unless the district experiences a Headlee rollback of part of the 18 mills. If some of the base 18 mills are rolled back, the Board of Education may vote to levy up to the number of mills rolled back. Again, the amount actually levied, however, cannot exceed 18 mills. For example, if

Headlee rolled back to 17.284, the Board of Education could levy 0.716 (of the 1.0742 additional mills approved), which restores the amount to be levied back to 18 mills.

What is "Headlee"?

The Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution limits the increase in property tax revenue from one year to the next. This limit is tied to the rate of inflation. If property values increase faster than the rate of inflation, the millage rate is "rolled back", that is reduced. This rollback can be overridden by the voters.

Will the millage issue cause the operating millage rate on non-homestead property to exceed 18 mills?

No, this millage rate is constitutionally limited to 18 mills.

Additional questions

Please visit our website for additional information regarding the renewal of this millage at www.lakeview.misd.net. If you have questions about this millage issue, please email Tasha McIntyre, Director of Business Services, at tmcintyre@scslakeview-k12.com or call 445- 4000 ext.2510.

Ballot Language

Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 1.0742 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of any reduction of millage that may be required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended; and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Lakeview Public Schools, Macomb County, Michigan, be increased by 19.0742 mills (\$19.0742 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2011 to 2020, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2011 is approximately \$2,545,152 (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 2010 tax levy)?

Yes
No

Election Information

When is the election? The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, August 3, 2010. Registered voters who are in line at 8:00 PM, and who have not already voted, will be permitted to vote.

Who can vote in this election? All residents of Lakeview Public Schools who are registered to vote as of July 6, 2010, can vote in this election. For further information on voter registration, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 447-3303.

Where can I vote? Voting will be at the following locations:

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Location</u>
8 & 12	The Shores Church 24905 Manhattan
9	Blossom Heath 24800 Jefferson
10	Civic Arena 20000 Stephens
11	Rev. Bjorum Activity Ctr. 28301 Little Mack
13	SCS City Hall 27600 Jefferson Circle Dr.
14	Greenwood Elementary 27900 Joan
15	Jefferson Middle School 27900 Rockwood

How can I determine in which precinct I live? You may do any of the following:

- Check your voter registration card
- Call the SCS City Clerk's office at 447-3303

Additional Questions - If you have questions about the election, please email Mrs. McIntyre, at tmcintyre@scslakeview-k12.com or call 445-4000, Ext. 2510.

2009/10 District Dateline

Board of Education Meetings
Meetings will be held in the **Community Meeting Room in the Ian Smith, Sr., Administration Building, 20300 Statler, at 7:30 PM unless otherwise posted.**

July 20	Regular Meeting
August 10	Board Workshop
August 17	Regular Meeting, 7 PM

District
Sept. 7 First Day of School for Students

Reading Olympics

Ardmore Elementary teacher Diane Smale and Erin Collins did Reading Olympics with their first graders during "March is Reading Month".

The students were challenged to read 30 books during the month for a bronze medal, 40 books for a silver medal and 50+ books for a gold medal. Kudos to the students from both first grade classes who read a total of 3,380 books! The event, which took

place from March 1st through March 31st, ended with a closing ceremony where students received their medals.



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