



### Board gratefully accepts contributions

The following contributions have been offered to the district:

Davison parents **Amy** and **Jonathan Stavros**, on behalf of Garrison Ross Insurance Agency, donated \$200 to Hill Elementary for the purchase of chess sets for the school's afterschool chess club.

**Bobie and Lanny Crongeyer** of Cheboygan donated \$500 to the DHS Boys' Track and Field team.

**Kathleen Muench**, Junior Past President of the Genesee County Association of Eastern Star, donated various school supplies to Siple Elementary.

Retired teacher **Anne Portenga** donated \$200 to Hill Elementary to be used as a scholarship for those needing assistance to attend the February intersession.

## Superintendent breaks down data behind recent ranking

While the district's recent designation by Bridge Magazine as an "Academic State Champ" is welcome news, Superintendent **Eric Lieske** went a step further Monday night unveiling to board members what factors were used—and not used—by the study in determining the honor.

First, the magazine looked at academic achievement for the past three years, using MEAP and MME/ACT test results. They compared the scores with the district's free and reduced lunch percentages to determine which school districts in the state were exceeding expectations. Davison ranked within the top 6.5 percent (number 35) in the state among 540 schools.

"I'm very proud that this report has identified Davison Community Schools as an outperforming school district," Lieske said. "The demographic of our students is changing with the way the economy has been hit hard in our area and many school districts in Genesee County are experiencing that as well."

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**Board President Kathy Sudia and Superintendent Eric Lieske accept a certificate from Bridge Magazine designating Davison as a 2013 Academic State Champ.**

*The mission of the Davison Community  
Schools is to develop individuals who  
demonstrate skills necessary for lifelong  
success in a changing, global society.*



# Board Briefs



Board Briefs is a monthly newsletter published after Board of Education meetings. For additional information, please contact the Communications Department at 591-0852.

## Action Items

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### Schools of Choice resolutions approved

Board of Education members approved resolutions that will allow the district to participate in two Schools of Choice programs for the 2014-15 school year. In order to meet one of the state's "Best Practices" criteria for state funding, school districts must participate in a schools of choice program.

"Both of these programs will be on a very limited basis," said Superintendent **Eric Lieske**. "We will be looking at enrollment figures to see where we have room."

The application periods are as follows:

- May 1-15, 2014: The District will accept applications from pupils who reside *outside of Genesee County* in districts within bordering counties (Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tuscola) through the State of Michigan's 105c Schools of Choice Program.
- May 16-30, 2014: The District will accept applications from pupils who reside *in Genesee County* through the State of Michigan's 105 Schools of Choice Program.

Applications can be completed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office located in the district's administrative offices (Cardinal Center), 1490 N. Oak Road. (The office is closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.) Applications will not be distributed or accepted outside the application periods listed above for each program.

Applicants will need to bring a valid driver's license or some other proof of their non residence. Also, a copy of the student's behavior report for the past two years must be submitted with each application (for enrollment in grades 1 and above). Without a copy of a behavior report or a document from the school(s) attended in the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 school years indicating there was no behavior history, the application will not be accepted. Students who have been suspended, expelled or withdrawn in lieu of expulsion within the last two years may be denied enrollment in the district under the 105 and 105c Schools of Choice guidelines.

Parents of Schools of Choice students are responsible for transporting their children to/from school. For further information, please call the Superintendent's Office at (810) 591-0801.

### Board policies to be reviewed

NEOLA of Michigan will review policies set by the Board of Education beginning this year. Since the last complete policy review in 2007, there has been a tremendous amount of legislation that has had an impact on education policy.

Board members will still have a say in determining policy.

"This is not cookie cutter," said Board Secretary **Karen Conover**. "The review will come to us and we will decide if it fits Davison or not."

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## Academic Champs/

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Factors that were not used in determining the ranking were per-pupil foundation allowances and population.

"There are challenges when you try to compare public and charter schools," Lieske said. "The playing field is not the same. We accept all students who live within our boundaries and work diligently to meet all of their needs."

Lieske also pointed out that a district's per pupil funding was also not taken into account in this particular study. Only 13 of the districts on the list, including Davison, receive the base per-pupil funding (also called foundation allowance) from the state. All of the other districts receive more money per student.

"We believe we deliver a bigger bang for the buck," Lieske said. "We do more with less."

# Action Items

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## DECA trip to state conference approved

More than 60 students from the Marketing DECA Club have qualified to attend the state DECA Conference March 13-16 in Detroit.

The following students will be attending:

Davison's DECA President **Presley Allen** and Vice President **Madison Alexander** will represent their chapter in the Chapter Activities Program event.

**Jestin Tigie** and **Alex Mann** will present the chapter's Public Relations Project "Career Readiness" campaign.

**Susanna Oganeseva**, **Shawn Bednard** and **Chris Jared** will present a Community Service Project—Outreach East campaign including the Cool to Care Food Drive.

**Kara Barkman**, **Sam Wodowski** and **Jasmine Tyce** will present a Community Service Project on their work with the Davison High School Clothes Closet.

**Kaitlin Anderson**, **Kailey Daugherty** and **Elizabeth Duncan** will present the chapter's Financial Literacy Campaign.

**Emily Kemp** and **Haley Novak** will present the chapter's Cardinal Card—Learn and Earn Project.

**Hollie Couch** and **Matt McAuliffe** will present the chapter's Creative Marketing Project on the Flint Revitalization Campaign.

**Madeline Theodoroff** will present the chapter's Creative Marketing Project and their work with the Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) program.

**Josh Brown**, **Jackson McKague** and **Jared Isbell** will present the chapter's Entrepreneurship Promotion Project—Small Business Week.

**Tim Benjamin** will present the School Based Enterprise Project on The Cardinal Shop.

The following students will also represent Davison in various occupational events: **Jordan Arnold**, **Annkalee Arzuaga**, **Ashley Bartholomew**, **Madison Bisbee**, **Emily Blake**, **Christina Caterina**, **Katie Church**, **Cyleigh Clifford**, **Susanna Costea**, **Jennifer Crisp**, **Amber DeJohn**, **Glenda Delgadillo**, **Olivia Desgrange**, **Brenden Fridline**, **Megan Gieselman**, **Kelly Hazel**, **Shane Heddy**, **Marie Holquist**, **Clancy Hopper**, **Myranda Livingston**, **Quin Mata**, **Brad O'Neill**, **Brandon Orth**, **Emma Osterhausen**, **Kyle Pollum**, **Jacob Robart**, **Joe Renner**, **Alex Rucker**, **Jacob Slezak**, **Aubri Smith**, **Ellis Smith**, **Summer Stefanko**, **George Sternbergh**, **Rachel Swanson**, **Kaylee Torok**, **Doug Vanarsdal**, **Mike Walsh**, **Allie Warner**, **Dillon Welliver** and **Caleb Wills**.

## BPA students qualify for state conference

Nearly 20 students have qualified to compete in the state Business Professionals of America state conference March 20-23 in Grand Rapids. This is the eighth Davison team to compete at the state event.

Students and the events they will be competing in include: **Haleigh Seidell**, Admin. Support Research Project Individual; **Raquel Spence**, Entrepreneurship; **Katelyn Smiles**, Entrepreneurship; **Kris Hoffa**, Extemporaneous Speech; **Stephanie Rohm**, Banking and Finance; **Kenny McGuire**, Banking and Finance, Networking Administration using Microsoft; **Brooke Graham**, Presentation Management Team; **Bailey Pierson**, Presentation Management Team; **Jared Connelly**, Fundamental Accounting; **Bryce Hernandez**, Fundamental Accounting; **Madison Faculak**, Human Resource Management; **Jacob Alvarez**, Presentation Management Individual; **Aaron McNab**, Computer Security; **Alexander Angus**, Network Administration using Microsoft; **Kaitlin McNally**, Presentation Management Team; and **Hailey Ramoie**, Presentation Management Team.



# Presentations



## Thank you, Mark Owen!

Board of Education members officially thanked Mark Owen of the Mark Owen MEEMIC Insurance Agency for his continued support of the district. For nearly the past decade, Mr. Owen has contributed annually to help fund the End of the Year Staff Recognition Luncheon. He also participates in the district's Co-Op program and is a stakeholder member of the District Accreditation committee. Board President Kathy Sudia and Superintendent Eric Lieske present Mark with a plaque for his commitment to the district.



## Leading the Pledge

*Students from the Central Elementary Safety Patrol, accompanied by Principal Lance Harper and Teacher Mike Kennedy, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.*

