

Board Briefs



Board approves Supt's evaluation; extends 5-yr contract another year

Davison Board of Education members have rated Superintendent **Eric Lieske** as highly effective in his eighth year on the job. Board members unanimously approved extending Lieske's five-year contract another year.

Lieske was evaluated by the seven-member board during a closed session meeting held in November.

Board members rated Lieske based on several factors including: Vision for Learning and Achievement; Leadership Behavior; Safe, Effective, Efficient School Operations; Community Building; and Contextual and Political.

"Eric leads our district with passion and integrity," said Board President **Kathleen Sudia**. "He is a true leader in every sense of the word. He has successfully moved us to a balanced calendar. We are making great strides with great leadership from our entire staff with our test scores. Eric is moving us in the right direction. We are blessed to have him."

"Eric has a very clear vision of where we need to be as a district - and how to get us there. We have had a mission statement for years, but until we adopted "Where Kids Come First and Futures Begin" nobody knew what it was. Now everybody knows it!"

"Eric has had a clear vision for Davison Schools since he stepped into the job, agreed **Karen Conover**, Personnel Committee Chairperson and Board Secretary. "He has been focused in that vision and has successfully led the district and the community in codifying that vision into concrete tools for realizing that vision. His leadership in focusing our mission into what's most important for students has been invaluable to the district."

Lieske began his career in Davison in 1997. During his 21 years with the District, he has held roles including teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent. He began serving as superintendent July 1, 2010.



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Donations accepted

The following contributions were graciously accepted:

- Gates Elementary received an **anonymous** donation of \$500 to assist students in need.
- The congregation of **Davison Free Methodist Church** donated 20 large teacher care packages with classroom supplies and gift cards to show their appreciation for Siple Elementary teachers.
- The Cardinal Care Fund received a monetary donation from the **Davison Eagle Riders** to sponsor a family through the Holiday Assistance Program.
- **Patti Bohms** donated four large boxes of books that will be used for classroom libraries.
- The **Tessner** and **Griffin families** donated backpacks for students in need at Thomson Elementary.
- **Theresa Kennedy** donated 24 hand crocheted hats to Siple Elementary for students in need of one.

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Presentations

DMS custodian Susie Droscha named “Kids First” November recipient

Davison Middle Custodian **Susie Droscha** is the December recipient of the “Kids First” Award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee who best exemplifies what it means to be “Kids First.” Winners receive a \$100 Visa gift card thanks to Mark Owen, owner of MEEMIC insurance agencies in Davison and Flint Township, and a certificate. The winner is chosen at random.

Droscha was nominated by Davison Middle School Principal **Shelly Fenner-Krasny** and Director of Operations **Phil Thom**, whom wrote:

“Susie is a kind, extremely hard-working staff member who always puts kids first. As a school custodian, Susie walks the walk when it comes to being a true caretaker of Davison Middle School, taking special care of the physical building as well as the students. She puts pride into all aspects of her job.

“Susie knows that a clean school matters to DMS kids and the Davison community. Students notice when classrooms are cleaned well on a consistent basis, and they notice the extras that make the room more inviting such as extra dusting and cleaning that is not required. The message she gives to kids is: ‘You matter to me. Your learning environment matters to me.’

“Susie also takes care of kids directly during the after school hours when many are here for extra curricular activities or special help. When kids need help (and they always do!), she drops what she is doing to help them and she does this in a matter-of-fact way, without giving them the impression that her real work has been interrupted. Kids walk away thinking that helping them is part of her job! Susie also pays attention to kids who are hanging around without anything to do because she knows there is often more to the story. In these cases, she cares enough to follow through with office staff to let us know about the kid and why she is concerned.

“Susie is an excellent school custodian who goes the extra mile in her job every day whether she is cleaning, doing a set-up or helping a student out. She does all of these things with a big smile and a great attitude, which has a positive impact on everyone in the building.

“Having worked with Susie for more than 30 years, it will be very sad to see her retire next month, as Susie has been one of our best employees and cleaners that we have had in our district for more than three decades. Not only will Susie be terribly missed by the Davison Middle School, she will also be irreplaceable to our district. Susie Droscha has demonstrated time and time again that she always puts kid first.”

Other great DCS staff members who were nominated this month include: **Kateri Blake**, Teacher at Davison High School, **Lindsay Gokey**, Teacher at Davison High School; **Tracy Jones**, Paraprofessional at Hahn Intermediate, **Lindsey Lane**, Teacher at Central Elementary; **Casey Nims**, Challenge Coordinator at Gates Elementary, **Jack Rogers**, Monitor at Siple Elementary; **Linda Scharrer**, Teacher at Davison High School; **Randy Schlak**, Davison Middle School Athletic Coordinator; and **Rachel Wheaton**, Teacher at Thomson Elementary.



Left to right, Director of Operations Phil Thom, Davison Middle School Principal Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Custodian Susie Droscha, Board of Education President Kathy Sudia and Superintendent Eric Lieske.





Leading the Pledge

Members of the Central Elementary Blueberries random acts of kindness club, along with Teachers and Club Co-Sponsors Mrs. Cayla Dowdall and Miss Ellen Meinecke and Principal Mr. Lance Harper, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the December Board of Education meeting.





MERRY MUSIC

Student musicians entertained the audience with their performances of popular holiday tunes at the December Board of Education meeting.

