

Board Briefs



It's official! Board sets March 10, 2020 as date for bond election

Board members took the next step in preparing for a bond election after learning that the district's Application for Preliminary Qualification was approved late November by the Michigan Department of State Treasury. Earlier this week, the board voted to authorize a resolution calling the election for March 10, 2020.

The district is seeking a \$71,390,000 bond for the purpose of "erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; erecting a new bus storage building; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; erecting, equipping, preparing, developing, and improving playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, and sites."

The bond would include upgrades to security and technology at every school building in the district and renovations to Davison High School, including the addition of a Performing Arts Center. All of these items were the top choices as selected by those who took surveys last spring and attended Community Forums in the fall.

For more information about the bond, please visit our website at: <https://www.davisonschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3391>

Supt. Brown earns highly effective rating on evaluation from board

Davison Board of Education members have rated Superintendent **Kevin Brown** as highly effective in his first year on the job.

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

Board members rated Brown based on several factors including: Visionary Leadership, Policy and Governance, Instructional Leadership, Communication and Community Relations, Organizational Man-

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Donations accepted

Board of Education members gratefully accepted the following contributions:

- **Mark Owen** of MEEMIC Insurance donated three \$100 Visa gift cards in support of the Kids First award program.
- **Golf for a Cure (GOAL)** made a financial donation to the Davison High School Cardinal LINKS program.
- **Quilters from Trinity Lutheran Church** donated 20 handmade quilts that will be given to students in need.
- **Freya Gibson** donated handmade knitted youth and children's hats for children who need warm winter clothing.
- **Journey Ministries** donated sweat pants, shirts, socks and coats to students at Siple Elementary for use when they need a change of clothes or need a winter coat.
- **Carrie Morissett** donated 19 sets of homemade hats and mittens to be used by students as needed.

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Presentations

Middle School teacher Nate Clark is “Kids First” December recipient

Davison Middle School Teacher **Nathan Clark** 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.

Clark was nominated by Davison Middle School Principal **Josie Paquette** and Assistant Principal **Andrea Ferguson**, who wrote:

“Nate Clark is a champion for all kids in Davison. He lives the Kids First mission every day in several roles, whether he is serving in his primary role as a special education teacher, DMS school improvement chairperson or as a representative on the Davison Community Schools climate committee. Nate brings dedication to DMS, and makes the school a better place because he is there.

“Students know Nate genuinely cares about them and will therefore take positive risks to improve because of their relationship with him. Many students with disabilities on his caseload have improved their grades and attendance because of his coaching, unwavering support and communication with both their teachers and parents. Often, this support is needed during Nate’s

lunch period and he doesn’t bat an eye when using his time to work with kids on and off his caseload. Nate often offers assistance in the office during his conference hour when specific students need extra support. He can be counted on to provide a calm presence for students when their emotions are high. Nate accepts kids where they are both academically and socially and works hard to help them reach their goals. It is obvious that Nate has the patience and skill set for working with students!

“Nate Clark makes significant impacts on Davison kids every day due to his unwavering guidance for kids, great follow-through, and willingness to go the extra mile. DMS is a better place for all kids because of Nate’s work and service. Nate Clark always puts kids first!”

Other great DCS staff members who were nominated this month include: School Nurse **Kaylie Edgar**, Accountant **Josh Evans**, school Social Worker **Jen Seal**, Thomson Elementary Paraprofessional **Melissa Tersigni** and Davison High School Teacher and Coach **Jake Weingartz**.



Davison Middle School Teacher Nathan Clark is joined by Davison Middle School Assistant Principal Andrea Ferguson, Principal Josie Paquette, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board of Education President Kathy Sudia.



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Health classes, HOSA offer students a head start in medical careers

In the three years since Davison High School began offering a health sciences course, the program has more than doubled in size. In fact, the class has been so popular that an additional teacher and Health Sciences II section were added this year.

"This is really blowing up," said **Laurie Heath**, a former Sgt. Paramedic with the Genesee County Sheriff, who was hired by the district three years ago to develop and teach the health sciences classes. "Students can leave my class earning their certificate to become a medical assistant or with their EKG certification. They will be able to walk out of the classroom and into the work force making up to \$36,000 a year. I have kids depending on this right now to help them pay for college and to get out on their own."

Sarah Seiter is the other health sciences teacher who joined Davison High school this school year. A 15-year EMT with the city of Flint, she has been instrumental in growing the school's HOSA-Future Health Professionals chapter.



A student in Laurie Heath's health sciences class practices giving an injection to an orange.

"Last year we did have a HOSA chapter with just one person joining and we did go to competition," Heath said. "This year we have 27 who will compete and closer to 60 students now involved in HOSA. Since Sarah came on board, she's brought this to the front and center; she is very well versed in HOSA."

Recently, students participated in a Gift of Life challenge, an organ and tissue drive competition between students belonging to high school HOSA chapters. For three weeks, students sought volunteers to sign up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

"We finished fifth in the state and that's really pretty good in my book," Heath said. "The mission of HOSA is to get the kids out there and meet others who are passionate about what they are passionate about. We want them to develop character ... and understand their leadership role."

Students will travel to Saginaw Valley State University on December 18 for the HOSA competition. They will compete in areas including medical math, career boards and medical terminology.

"The kids have really taken the bull by the horns in getting ready to compete," Seiter said. "We haven't gotten to medical math or medical terminology in class yet but they are taking the books we've given them to learn and get ready (for competition). That shows huge leadership and I'm really proud of them."

Students Competing	Category
Taylor Bogard	Health Career Display
Sadie Burnaine	Medical Terminology
Madison Clark	Health Career Display
Lauren Coughlin	Medical Math
Gabriella Cumpata	Health Career Display
Olivia Durham	Health Career Display
Abigail Farrer	Health Career Display
Kaitlyn Franz	Medical Law and Ethics
Hannah Grant	Health Career Display
Christopher Hall	Health Career Display
Brooke Kalisz	Health Career Display
Mya Kraut	Health Career Display
Kylie Laux	Health Career Display
Makayla Lewis	Health Career Display
Ireland Marsh	Health Career Display
Mariano Moritz	Health Career Display
Mallory Morton	Health Career Display
Samantha Odalovich	Health Career Display
Nadia Owens	Health Career Display
Grace Pratt	Health Career Display
Kedree Proffitt	Medical Math
Becca Roach	Health Career Display
Andrea Salah	Health Career Display
Hailey VanSteenburg	Health Career Display
Kellie Vo	Health Career Display
Mallorie Ybarra	Health Career Display
Sydney Schneider	Health Career Display
Evan Sorenson	Sports Medicine



The Davison Middle School Cardinal Singers put visitors at the December Board of Education in a holiday mood by signing carols before the meeting. The singers, accompanied by Vocal Music Teacher Michelle Wilson and accompanist Becky Holt, also performed a catchy holiday number for board members and the audience during the meeting.



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agement, Professional Role and Ethics, Statutory Factors and Student Growth and Assessment Data.

"Our consensus of Superintendent Brown's overall performance is that he is highly effective," said Board Secretary **Karen Conover**, who chairs the Personnel Committee. "We believe his lengthy experience as Assistant Superintendent allowed him to hit the ground running. We would also like to thank Mr. Brown for putting kids first and making Davison the place to be."

"Kevin has done an exceptional job in his first year as superintendent," said Board President **Kathy Sudia**. "The transition has been seamless and he hasn't missed a beat. He has a real vision of where we need to be and how to get us there."

Brown began his career in Davison as a high school teacher in 1994. He was named as an assistant principal in 2002 and became principal at Davison High School in 2006. He served as the Assistant Superintendent for eight years before he began his new role as superintendent in January of this year.

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- **Sheila Colley** donated Halloween costumes to those students at Siple Elementary who did not have a costume to wear.
- **St. John Catholic Church** donated costumes to Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) to be used for Davison Youth Theater productions.

Preschool students lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the December Board of Education meeting ...

