

# Board Briefs



## Schools of Choice info for 20-21

Davison Community Schools will once again be accepting limited applications for non-resident students under Sections 105 and 105c Schools of Choice for the 2020/2021 school year. Acceptance under either plan will be based on limited availability and elementary students will be placed in school buildings according to equalized space available in all classrooms.

The application period for each program will be:

- 105c Schools of Choice, May 1-15, 2020: The District will accept applications for pupils whose district of residency is outside of Genesee County in districts within the following bordering counties: Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tuscola.
- 105 Schools of Choice, May 1-15, 2020: The District will accept applications for pupils whose district of residency is in Genesee County.

Applications can be completed Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office located in the district's administrative offices, 1490 N. Oak Road. Applications will not be distributed or accepted outside the application period. Applicants need to bring a valid driver's license or some other proof of non-resident status.

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 through 12).

**IMPORTANT:** The student's Schools of Choice application will not be accepted without a copy of a behavior report for each of the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years or a document from the school(s) attended in 2018/19 and 2019/20 indicating there is no behavior record for the student.

Students who have been suspended, expelled or withdrawn in lieu of expulsion within the last two years may be denied enrollment in the district under the 105 and 105c Schools of Choice guidelines.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 and from school.

For further information, please call the Superintendent's Office at (810) 591-0801.



## Board approves HOSA student trip

Eight students from the high school's future health professionals group will attend the State HOSA competition March 8-10 in Traverse City. Students who will be competing include:

**Abigail Arnes, Lauren Coughlin, Olivia Durham, Ireland Marsh, Olivia Masters, Nadia Owens, Rachel Ross and Mallorie Ybarra.**

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# Presentations

## Thomson teacher Julie VanEvery is “Kids First” February recipient

Thomson Elementary Teacher **Julie VanEvery** is the February 2020 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.

VanEvery was nominated by Thomson Elementary Principal **Natalie Miller**, who wrote:

“I have known Julie since she did her student teaching at Central Elementary many years ago and while I did not get the opportunity to work with her directly until I moved to Thomson Elementary, one thing I have always known about her is that she has a passion for education.

“Over the years, Julie has served Davison Community Schools and our students in many capacities including things from curriculum development to planning family events. There have been many times that Julie has stepped up when others would not, to complete tasks and plan events for our students. Most recently, we have been working on providing our Thomson students with authentic, hands-on, age appropriate exploration of curriculum topics. Seeing the programming available at the Williams Property, Julie took on the task of working to provide the entire school with a field trip. She did this not once, but twice as the fall field trip she coordinated needed to be cancelled for reasons beyond our control. The second time, Julie worked with the staff at Williams to plan a winter field trip that includes both inside and outside activities and that encompasses science standard related topics. I am not sure if the idea of walking and exploring snowy, cold trails is appealing to most adults, but our students are going to love this hands-on experience and it would not have happened without Julie’s commitment to providing kids with this opportunity.

“Additionally, it should be noted that at a time when some educators are feeling stressed and overwhelmed and even choosing to leave the profession, Julie has demonstrated a renewed commitment and enthusiasm for her work as an educator and for her students. She has participated in and hosted classroom learning labs and worked with her colleagues and the literacy specialist to improve her teaching in the service of her kids. Julie has totally revamped her approach and instruction of literacy; stepping outside of her comfort zone to change and improve the learning experiences of her students. She is working to provide them with authentic instruction in a way that is meaningful and applicable from the start.

“As I shared, Julie is a very passionate educator. There have been moments that Julie has been so ‘fired up’ about a given topic involving kids and education, that she has been brought to tears. It is this fire that makes and will continue to make Julie a ‘kids first’ teacher for years to come. I am proud of the work that Julie has done and the teacher she has committed herself to being for her students. Julie works every day to be a ‘kids first’ teacher and it is an honor to work with and watch her continue to grow!”

Other great individuals who were nominated this month include: Davison Middle School Counselor **Jeff Martinez**, Richfield Township Police Officer **Mark Foster**, Central Elementary Long-term Guest Teacher **Pam Clay**, Hahn Intermediate Head Custodian **Brad Besser** and Davison High School Career Placement Coordinator **Andrea Tomczak**.



**Thomson Elementary Principal Natalie Miller, Teacher Julie VanEvery, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board of Education President Kathy Sudia.**



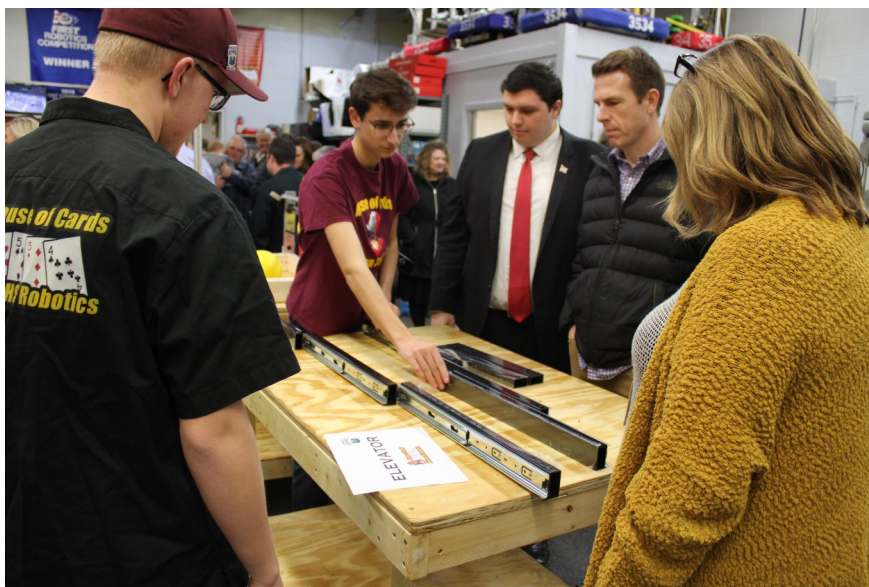


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House of Cards Robotics holds open house to show off new lab

The House of Cards Robotics FRC 3534 team members and their mentors have transformed the space that formerly housed the district's cleaning, maintenance and custodial supplies into a new home for the growing and robust program. Team members, along with proud parents and mentors, showed off their new lab and the thriving program during an Open House held Monday, February 3. Students gave informational tours, provided demonstrations and visitors were able to get a sneak peek at the 2020 season robots in development. The House of Cards competition schedule is as follows:

-  1st District Competition, Kettering Week 2 – March 5-7
-  2nd District Competition, Marysville Week 6 – April 2-4
-  Michigan State Championships, SVSU Week 7 – April 8-11
-  World Championships, Detroit TCF Center & Ford Field, April 29-May 2



Board of Education members took time during their meeting Monday night to visit the new Robotics lab. Below, Coach and Team Mentor Chris Purdy points out something to visitors at the open house.



# Action items

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## DECA marketing students headed to state conference March 5-7

More than 40 Marketing DECA Club students will be attending the State DECA Career Development Conference March 5-7, 2020 at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. The trip was approved at the February Board of Education meeting.

The following students will be representing chapter projects:

- **Madelynn Dunn, Zoey Nolf** and **Myrna Walters** will be presenting a Community Giving Project "Cool to Care" campaign.
- **Sarah Johnson** will be presenting a Community Giving Project "Holiday Cards" campaign.
- **Elizabeth Olson** and **Reese Souders** will be presenting a Community Awareness Project "Mental Health Awareness" campaign.
- **Trayza Haido** and **Emma Lewandowski** will be presenting a Community Awareness Project "Recycling at Central" campaign.
- **Jack Donovan** and **Matt Graham** will be presenting a Financial Literacy Project "Financial Preparing" campaign.
- **Tia France** and **Jordan Williams** will be presenting a Financial Literacy Project "Finance 360" campaign.

The following 29 students will also represent Davison at the State Conference in various occupational events: **Mason Allen, Rebekah Allen, Olivia Anderson, Preston Allis, Emma Aumick, Ben Bellamy, Jaden Bishop, Josiah Black, Matt Dejonghe, Dylan De Vaney, Peyton Dieterle, Kaden Duckworth, Anay'sha Fordham, Alyssa Hennessey, Carson Hennessey, Alyssa Holmes, Abby Howes, Ethan Howes, Ella Isham, Cameron Lintz, Dylan McMullen, Jessica Noack, Crystal Pace, Josh Squires, Garrett Sumner, Alex Tadjewski, Christian Thrushman, Spencer Torok, and Kevin Vermillya.**

## Donations accepted from generous community members

Board of Education members gratefully accepted the following contributions:

- The **Davison Lions Club** donated hats and gloves to the elementary buildings for students needing them in the cold weather.
- **Davison United Methodist Church** donated \$800 to the Davison Food Services program to help pay off students' breakfast and lunch debts.
- **Burt & Grace Ange, Rita & Art Arch, Sheila Baker, Davison Board of Education and Central Office Administrators, Dick DuCharme, Tom Holser, Marilyn & Howard Brown, Robert & Lori Marshick, Kurt & Shelley Meibeyer, Verlin Pendegrass, Debra & Steve Peters, Thomas & Kimberly Shade, Frank & Colleen Ricica, Barbara Trimble, Barbara & Brooke Unger, Theresa & Glen Wendt and Charles & Glenda Willcut** donated \$850 to the Cardinals Care Fund in memory of **Donna Hoos** to help students and families in need.
- **Eric Allen**, Allen Funeral Home, made a \$500 donation to the Davison Middle School Choir Program.
- **Big Apple Bagels** donated 20 \$5 gift cards and **Davison Parks & Recreation** donated Lake Callis merchandise and Lake Callis day passes to the Davison High School PBIS program.
- **Steven & Karen Selesky, the Wallberg Family, David & Joanne Wood, Mark & Sally Ranville and Michael & Nancy Frawley** made financial donations in memory of **Tom Robbins** to the Cardinals Care Fund to assist students and families in need.
- **Dian Becker** made a financial donation in honor of her children, DHS alums **Julie Becker Thomas, Matt Becker** and **Susan Becker-Trotter** to help pay for unpaid lunch balances.



## Leading the Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Central Elementary students involved in the Blueberry Ambassador Program. Students were accompanied by Principal Christine Kuzinski and teachers Ellen Meinecke and Libby Holder. Some of the Random Acts of Kindness that have been performed so far include:

- \* Putting quarters in the carts at Aldi for unexpected shoppers
- \* Leaving a dish of pennies by the horse ride at Meijer
- \* Shoveling snow for injured or elderly neighbors.
- \* Visiting assisted living homes to spend time with residents
- \* Bringing sweet treats to school staff, crossing guards, police officers and our Davison Fire Department
- \* Paying money toward a student's lunch account
- \* Taping microwave popcorn to the Redbox machine for a special treat for movie watchers
- \* Donating hair to be used for wigs for cancer patients

