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September



The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its September 20 meeting:

- Approval of Audit Report: Thanks to the amazing work of Director of Business Services Leslie Young and her crew, Accountant Josh Evans, Business Office Secretary Shawn Hoover, Payroll Specialist Caitlin Bentoski and Purchasing Secretary Jacqueline Addison, the district has once again received a "clean audit." The audit is a four-step progress that takes several days to complete, explained Jacob Sopczynski, CPA with Yeo and Yeo. "It's about understanding procedures and testing them to ensure that those procedures are in place to prevent theft or fraud." Davison Community Schools operates a \$66 million budget. The audit ensures that dollars are being spent correctly not only with general fund monies but other areas including bond, COVID relief and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSR) funds.
- Graduation Ceremonies: The Davison High School Class of 2022 graduation will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2022. Davison Alternative Education will hold its graduation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, in the Davison High School Auditorium. The location of the Davison High School ceremony is yet to be determined but will be held either at Cardinal Stadium or the Dort Federal Event Center.
- Appointment to DCER Advisory Board: Skip Konkle was reappointed
 as the school district's representative to the Davison Community Enrichment
 and Recreation Advisory Board. In addition to the District, leaders from the
 City of Davison and Davison Township are asked to appoint a representative to the board each year.
- Merit Based Compensation: While Michigan Revised School Code requires school districts to establish a method of compensating teachers and administrators based on performance, the District has historically awarded merit pay to all eligible employees. The Board approved off-scale payments of \$1,000 for administrators, \$800 for supervisors, \$600 for teachers, \$500 for Central Office staff, \$400 for full-time, hourly employees and \$200 for part-time, hourly employees who worked a minimum of the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. The payments will be included in the September 24 pay period.
- Acceptance of Donations: Donations of 80 backpacks filled with school supplies by the Davison Optimist Club were gratefully acknowledged as well as a donation of eight cases of hand sanitizer by the United Way of Genesee County.



Connections **❖** Curriculum **❖** Opportunities

Presentations







Leading the Pledge

Students from Mrs. Tisha Torres' Leadership Skills Class at Davison Middle School led the audience at the September Board of Education meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leadership Skills is a semester long class that helps middle school students focus on the skills they need in order to become leaders and help make the community of Davison a brighter and more positive environment for everyone. During the semester, students will complete service projects that will spread positivity, lift those who need support and lead classmates by positive example.

The class includes both seventh and eighth graders.

Welcome new educational leaders

Following tradition, a brief welcome reception was held prior to the September Board of Education meeting to give new teachers and board members a chance to meet. The District's 36 new teachers were introduced during the meeting.

Emily Beaver, Hahn Intermediate, 6th Grade Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director Kelly Caudell, Hahn Intermediate, Special Education Jarrod Chapman, Hahn Intermediate, 6th Grade Trisha Crotteau, Central Elementary, GSRP Katherine Engh, Hahn Intermediate, 6th Grade Laura Ferguson, Hahn Intermediate, 5th Grade Jordan Flores. Hahn Intermediate, 6th Grade Kristen Glaz, Davison Middle School, Counselor Christopher Hutton, Davison High School, PE/Health Amy Hyrman, Davison High School, Counselor Aspen Johnson, Hahn Intermediate, 6th Grade Jennifer Johnson, Davison High School, Biology Amy Kennedy, Hahn Intermediate, 6th Grade Christen Kopp, Central/Siple Elementary Social Worker David Lawrence, Davison High School, Engineering Jason Leach, Hahn Intermediate, 6th Grade Jennifer Lunde, Davison Middle School, Social Studies Kasey Lutrell, Davison High School, English Madison Medina, Gates Elementary, 2nd Grade Eric Monroe, Davison Middle School, Social Studies Christine Newton, Davison High School, French Nicole Powers, Davison Alternative, Math Pamela Ruggiero, Davison High School, Chemistry Amanda Schaft, Hahn Intermediate, Special Education Alaina Schultz, Davison High School, Social Studies Melissa Schwab, Thomson Elementary, DK Melissa Simpson, Thomson/Siple, Resource Room Allison Smith, Siple Elementary, 3rd Grade Bryan Stubbs, Davison Middle School, English/ Language Arts

Allen Thompson, Davison High School, Construction Trades

Robin Waite, Thomson Elementary, Kindergarten **Matthew Wasson,** Davison Middle School, Special Education

Mike Williams, Davison High School, Dean of Students Trisha Wright, Hill Elementary, 1st Grade Erica Zwolensky, Davison Middle School, Special Education

