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April

The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its April 10 meeting:

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:** Board members approved a resolution declaring May 8-12 as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in Davison. Parent groups and administrators from each school building have plans in place to recognize the contributions of DCS teachers and staff. "We are fortunate to have highly dedicated staff members who work diligently for the benefit of our children and community," said Assistant Superintendent **Matt Lobban**.
- **Approval of DECA Club Overnight Field Trip:** One student has qualified to compete at the International DECA Conference in Orlando, Fla. April 21-26. Board members approved the overnight trip for Davison High School student **Isabella Stephens**, who qualified at the March State DECA Conference to be part of the Michigan delegation at the International Conference. Davison High School Teacher Mrs. **Erin Woodruff** will chaperone the trip. Isabella is a senior.
- **Approval of Food Services Contract with Chartwells:** The District is required annually to seek approval from the Michigan Department of Education for the management of its Food Service program. On March 10, the District received notification from MDE that it had approved the district's agreement with Chartwells for the 2023-24 school year. Board members put the final stamp of approval on the agreement 5-0 at last night's meeting. Board trustees **Stefanie Pickell** and **Matthew Smith** were absent from the meeting.
- **GISD Biennial Election Resolution:** Board members voted to appoint Board President **Karen Conover** and Secretary **Alicia Hensley** as the Board's representatives to vote in the Genesee Intermediate School District's Biennial Election on June 5. Mrs. Hensley will serve as the alternate. The Board decides collectively of how to vote, Mrs. Conover or Mrs. Hensley will simply cast the vote as directed by the Board.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is set for 6 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Davison High School Auditorium.

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Presentations



All-State athletes

Board members recognized a number of winter athletes achieving All-State status including wrestlers Josh Barr, Caden Horwath, Justin Gates, Kyle Jelinek, Evan Herriman and Max Callahan and powerlifter Dominic Bingham, winner of a junior varsity State Championship in Powerlifting. Picture above are Caden, Justin and Kyle along with Superintendent Kevin Brown, Board President Karen Conover and Athletic Director Dave Beamer.



Gates LINKS students lead Pledge

Students from Gates Elementary recited the Pledge of Allegiance at the April meeting. Meet the group they represented and see more photos on the next page.

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Leading the Pledge

The April Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gates Elementary students who are part of the LINKS program, a peer support group in which students help other students who may have social or communication difficulties. The students “link up” during different activities throughout the day and develop lasting friendships. The students were accompanied by Principal Mrs. **Natalie Miller**, Teacher Mrs. **Stacy Evans** and Social Worker Mrs. **Chanda Rose**.



Central Teacher named Kids First recipient

Central Elementary Teacher Mrs. **Ashley Romine** has been named as the April recipient of the Kids First award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee or contracted staff member 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.

Ashley was nominated by Central Elementary Principal Mrs. **Christine Kuzinski**, who wrote:

“In her years of teaching second-grade at Central Elementary, Ashley Romine has become a truly remarkable asset to our entire learning community.

Ashley is passionate about teaching and helping her students find success. She has high expectations and a toolbox full of ways to help her students meet those standards. Always a problem solver, she observes the obstacles standing in the way of a student’s success and works diligently to help students over, around, and through them. Mrs. Romine doesn’t limit her positive influence to her own students; in fact, all of our students at Central benefit from Ashley’s professionalism, expertise, and perhaps most notably, her sense of humor.

Not only is Ashley an amazing teacher, she is highly respected amongst her colleagues. She willingly takes time out of her day to assist both her colleagues and guest teachers with pedagogy and classroom management. Always willing to share her ideas and resources with others, Ashley has modeled and planned lessons and offered resources to others on countless occasions. Even more impressively, she often volunteers to host students from any classroom who are having a difficult moment and need some extra support. Her ability to help students navigate these challenging times is absolutely magical.

As challenging and stressful as the teaching profession is, Ashley keeps a positive attitude and uses her humor to keep the climate at Central light and fun. She is authentic. Her positivity and resilience echoes in our building helping to create a positive work environment for everyone there. It isn’t always easy to stay positive, but Ashley takes on each new day, challenge, and circumstance with confidence and optimism.

For these reasons and countless more, Ashley is worthy and deserving of the Kids First Award.”



Left to right: Central Elementary Principal Christine Kuzinski, Central Elementary Teacher Ashley Romine, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board President Karen Conover.

