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Safe and Orderly Schools Essential for Learning

A Message from the Superintendent

Dr. Darrin Slade



Some people may wonder why discipline has been one of the areas of focus during my first few months in Kalamazoo.

It's simple: Safe and orderly schools are essential to learning. Students cannot learn and teachers cannot teach in a disruptive environment.

In my 31 years of experience as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent, I can say that most students follow most of the rules most of the time — and the majority of students that break rules are breaking minor rules.

Kalamazoo is no exception to that truth. We have a lot of great students in Kalamazoo. And, we have great teachers who love their students.

But, in meet-and-greet sessions held

earlier this year, some expressed concerns that there are some spaces in our district that are not managed correctly, especially hallways, bathrooms and cafeterias. That is unacceptable. We will have order in our schools.

We must maintain safe and orderly learning environments at all times and in all areas of our schools. We know this is true for our children. Everyone wants to be confident that they are sending their children to safe schools to learn and grow.

But there's something else that we as a society don't talk about, and that is that it's important for teachers to feel safe at work. We sometimes overlook that. As a teacher — and in my mind I'll always be a teacher — I believe that we have to ensure our teachers are respected and safe.

Times are different. Today, people talk to teachers in ways that never would have been accepted in the past. We cannot have teachers being disrespected or

mistreated. One of the biggest reasons people leave the profession is because of student behavior. It must be made clear to students that you will not come to school and talk to teachers, principals, and other adults the way you might talk to someone your age or outside of school. That is not going to be tolerated.

The key to discipline is creating relationships built on respect between students, teachers and parents. Students should feel like they have teachers they feel comfortable with. Parents need to feel they can talk to the staff in their schools. Teachers want positive relationships with students, parents, administrators.

Stakeholders can expect me to be highly visible in this effort to improve discipline. My schedule will include numerous visits to our schools over the next few months. This is not just because school visits are essential to understanding what is going on in our schools, but because having high visibility is one way to start

building those essential relationships.

Part of the shift in discipline includes discussion with students, so we can all start the school year on the same page in terms of discipline. Talking is how we build relationships and understanding and a better educational system. This year will kick off with student information sessions, so they can gain a clear understanding of expectations and goals on the topic.

Kalamazoo is a district where you can start kindergarten and know that you will have your college education or other secondary learning experiences paid for. We cannot afford for students to not learn, to not be prepared for the future because of behavior and discipline issues.

For those who want more detail about discipline in the schools, the community can find the board presentation on discipline on the KPS website at www.kalamazoopublicschools.com. Go to "Departments" and click on "Superintendent's Office" then "Board Presentations."

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Edison Academy Re-Opens in New Space After Two Years of Construction

KALAMAZOO Public Schools opened its newest school building, Edison Academy, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 14.

Edison Academy re-opened after a two-year construction project. The new two-story, 70,000-square-foot school has 21 classrooms plus art, music, and STEM rooms; a media center, gym, and cafeteria.

“This is a very exciting day for Kalamazoo Public Schools as we open this beautiful school building,” Superintendent Dr. Darrin Slade said at the ribbon cutting. “The district was committed to creating a state-of-the-art facility for our staff and students in the Edison neighborhood.”

Construction cost \$18 million, which was funded in part by a bond approved by voters in 2018. Furniture, furnishings, equipment, technology, and architect and construction management fees added approximately \$7 million in costs to the project.

Construction began in the summer of 2018. The building was designed by TowerPinkster and The Skillman Corporation served as construction manager on the project. The block where the new building is located used to be the site of the old Edison Academy, the Boys & Girls Club, and the KPS transportation office, garage and parking lot.

Karen Jackson, KPS executive supervisor of facilities management, said Edison has more natural light, enhanced security, terrazzo floors, and more spacious classrooms. “And, the new entrance on Lake Street is a definite presence in the neighborhood,” Jackson said.

“The opening of this school has been a long time coming, and it brings me great joy to finally be able to



Edison Academy entrance



Edison Academy teachers try the Lu learning system, which combines learning with gross motor skills.

open the doors to the new Edison Academy. We worked very intentionally to plan an outstanding learning environment for our students,” said principal Dr. Julie

McDonald. “We have the capacity to enroll additional students and anticipate that once families see our beautiful spaces, we will be bursting at the seams.”



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Freedom Writer Speaker Offers Encouragement to Secondary Teachers

EDUCATOR, lecturer and author Dr. Manny Scott delivered an inspiring keynote address at the secondary teachers' professional development at Loy Norrix High School in August.

Scott shared the story of his harrowing childhood in a presentation that was part lecture and part dramatic monologue.

Scott's father was incarcerated. Scott missed 60-90 days of school annually from fourth to ninth grade. His freshman year, his grades consisted of 3 Fs, 3 Ds and a C. He dropped out of school at age 14, lived in 26 places by age 16, and his best friend was brutally murdered on his way to Scott's house.

"When I look back, I now see that I was heading down a path that would have destroyed me," he said.

A chance encounter with a crack addict on a park bench was the start of turning his life around. The man told him, "Hey, little man. 'Don't be like me.' He gave me a glimpse of what I might become."

He returned to school and with the support of caring adults including his principal, teachers and coaches he began to turn his life around. He ended up in the back of Erin Gruwell's English class—a



Dr. Manny Scott speaks at Loy Norrix.

group that became known internationally as the Freedom Writers, after the release of Gruwell's book "The Freedom Writers Diary" and a 2007 movie starring Hilary Swank. Scott began journaling in Gruwell's class, which helped him begin to heal and envision a positive future.

He talked to KPS educators about Gruwell's transformation as a teacher, once she began to reach out to her students through popular culture. She brought the works of Tupac Shakur and Snoop

Dogg into the classroom and used the words of rappers to inspire her students. He urged teachers to, "Humble yourself and become a student of your students."

Learning about students, their families and their cultures provides valuable insights and in roads that can help teachers make their lessons more valuable and meaningful for students.

And while lesson plans and curriculum are important, so is listening and building relationships, he said. "All kids need grit but so many kids need healing first. Help them heal and you'll help them flourish."

When he doubted he could go on to college because of his trauma and struggles, Gruwell didn't allow him an easy way out and her encouragement was based on the foundation of their relationship. She told him, "I'm not here for where you came from. I'm here for where you can go."

Today, Scott is an in-demand speaker who spends hundreds of days a year on the road. He's a licensed pilot, who earned his doctorate one class a year over 12 years. He's been married for 21 years and has three children.

"When you see me, be reminded of your power. When that kid shows up, you can jump in front of that kid's trajectory and change everything," he told teachers. "I am not the exception. You can be the exception that changes everything for them."







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Recipe**from the KPS Food Service, Chartwells****Kirsten Strong, registered dietician****Samuel Dunn, executive chef****Peanut Butter Yogurt Dip w/Apples**

THIS IS the most delicious three-ingredient fall snack you will ever taste! It could even be a “on the healthier side” dessert. This dip tastes similar to peanut butter cheesecake filling and when you pair it with sweet, crunchy apple slices, it’s a match made in heaven.

To jazz it up a bit, you could add cinnamon, honey, or peanuts. During October in Michigan, our beloved apples are plentiful. You can find a large variety of locally grown apples at the Kalamazoo Farmers Market through Nov. 18.

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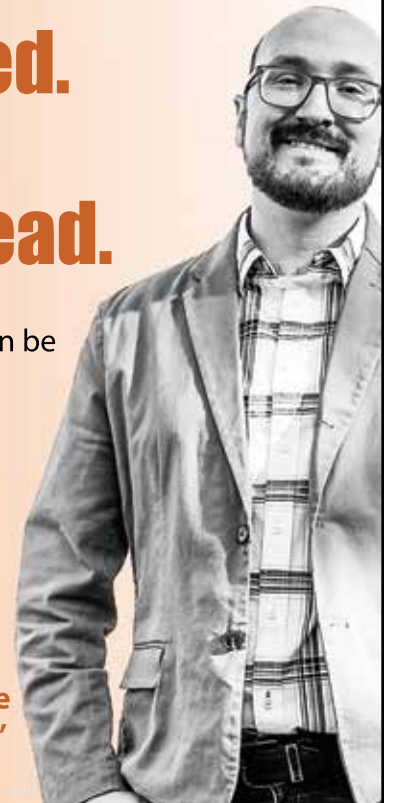
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Student Services Welcomes WMU Social Work Interns

KALAMAZOO Public Schools Student Services department has welcomed seven Western Michigan University social work interns for the 2023-24 school year. The interns met their field supervisors in a luncheon at the Administration Building in August.

The interns will work with elementary students at Woodward, Edison, Spring Valley, Northeastern, Lincoln, Milwood, and Parkwood-Upjohn elementary schools. The partnership between KPS and WMU will help this cohort of young professionals launch their careers, while providing KPS students with access to more mental health services.

The social work interns are: Tianna Smith, Beyza Niefert, Raini Olson, Morgan Roesler, Ava Freeman, Bailey Carlson, and Trevor Wheeler. Their field supervisors will include Michelle Youngs, Andreea Frew, Linda Plair, Jennifer Smith, and Jose Garcia.

Extra funding from the state, grants, and local community agencies have meant the district can afford to hire more staff to work directly with students who may need help.

Reuquiyah 'Rikki' Saunders, the director of spe-



Student Services has welcomed seven new social work interns for the 2023-24 school year. Pictured, from left: Tianna Smith, Beyza Niefert, Raini Olson, Morgan Roesler, Ava Freeman, and Bailey Carlson. Not pictured: Trevor Wheeler. Their field supervisors will include Michelle Youngs, Andreea Frew, Linda Plair, Jennifer Smith, and Jose Garcia.

cial education for KPS, said that the district's goal is to contract with therapists to provide direct services to at least 360 students in the middle and high schools. The district has hired 24 therapists so far this year. Since the pandemic, the need for student support is as high as ever. These new hires will help

address that need.

The interns are a part of the effort to provide more SEL support for district students. The social work students may have the advantage of youth and as a result, "may connect better," with KPS students, Saunders said.

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KPS's Tim Richmond Helps Students Find Songs in the Key of Life

IT TAKES a lot of things to make a good school music program: Great teachers, interested students, supportive parents and instruments.

Lots and lots of instruments.

For many school districts that means relationships with local private vendors who can rent and sell instruments to families.

In Kalamazoo Public Schools, however, instruments are cheaper and easier to get access to thanks to the district's unique instrument storeroom with thousands of band and orchestra instruments — and the unique talents of instrument repair technician Tim Richmond, who many think is the only school-based instrument repair technician in the state.

Richmond has worked for KPS since 2001. Since then he has overseen KPS's vast warehouse of district instruments and their distribution to hundreds of students each year. For the past two decades he has personally tended to the many dents, dings, broken bridges, stuck mouth pieces and other injuries sustained by instruments through the years.

The band geek who once thought about becoming a band director says he's proud of the work he does and likes to think that he has been able to influence music in Kalamazoo Public Schools.

MUSIC WAS IN HIS FAMILY

Richmond grew up in the Flint area and attended Grand Blanc High School, where he played trumpet. Music was a family affair for Richmond. His mother was the keyboard player for their church, while his dad was the choir director. His six older siblings all sang or played instruments.



The Music (Instrument)

He and one of his buddies used to hang around at a store called Sherm's Instrument Repair in Flint. They asked if Sherm would teach them how to repair band instruments. "He said 'no,'" Richmond said with a laugh. "But he gave us the name of a few schools, and that's how we ended up going to the Redwing Area Vocational Technical Institute in Minnesota."

In Redwing, students could major in band instruments, which included woodwinds and brass; become a luthier and specialize in string instruments; or learn piano repair. He went the band instrument route, although through the years he's also learned

quite a bit about repairing strings as well.

"I'm glad I did it," Richmond said. "It keeps you involved in music in your area, your community."

And, repair technicians are in high demand. Even today, he estimates there are fewer than half a dozen repair technicians in the Kalamazoo area.

After graduating from Redwing, he started his own instrument repair business with one of his brothers in the Flint area. He eventually answered a want ad for a repair technician to work for Marshall's Music, which brought him to Kalamazoo and later to KPS.



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KEEPING KPS IN TUNE

KPS is unique in the K-12 musical landscape, Richmond said. First, KPS has a huge inventory of instruments. Richmond estimates the storeroom holds over 3,000 instruments divided evenly between band and string instruments. Not only does he manage the instruments, but he also oversees the music library and the practice books students use every year.

Many districts, even larger districts like Grand Rapids Public Schools, do not have access to that number of instruments. Often, school districts will only invest in larger instruments such as upright



Richmond tests a contra bass clarinet, which is twice the size of a standard bass clarinet.



Richmond trained on band instruments, but he's taught himself basic string repair through the years.

basses or tubas, or specialty pieces that are harder for students to find. Students interested in pursuing music at school often must resort to renting instruments from local music stores, which can be costly.

"Our district strives to provide access to the arts and music classes. The cost of an instrument is one of the main barriers that prevents students from participating in band and orchestra ensembles. Our instrument program provides instruments at little-to-no cost to families," said Ryan Kasperski, the lead music teacher for KPS.

"We encourage our KPS students to enroll in our music classes and take advantage of the instrument

inventory we have available," Kasperski said. The KPS orchestra program begins in fourth grade, the band program begins in sixth grade, and both programs continue through high school.

Instrument rentals can range from \$25-\$80 a month at some stores. KPS students are able to rent instruments from KPS for \$60 for the entire year — and for families on free or reduced-price lunch that fee can be lowered or waived.

"That's unbelievably cheap," Richmond said. "It's amazing. The thing is that the rental money basically goes back into the program and updating instruments.

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Tim Richmond *(continued from page 9)*

The school district makes no money from the program.” Currently, about 850 students borrow KPS instruments for band or orchestra. That’s down from a pre-Covid high of about 1,200 instruments.

It saddens Richmond that more students are not taking advantage of music as they once did, but it’s understandable given the challenges of Covid and virtual learning — especially trying to learn music virtually.

“The problem is we lost kids during Covid. They don’t have as much of a desire to get into it,” he said. “But we’ve got a good crew of teachers. They’re going to build it back up. If you build it they will come, right?”

The second thing that makes KPS’s music program unique is Richmond himself. As the district instrument repair technician, he keeps the instruments “running” so to speak. Even for other districts that own instruments, when it comes to taking care of the inventory, those districts often have to send instruments out for repairs, which can be costly.

“Tim Richmond is a gem, working behind the scenes to manage our district instrument inventory, applying his specialized training to service and repair instruments to ensure they are available and



Tim Richmond shows one of the bridges he has on hand. This one fits a bass.

in working condition for our students,” Kasperski said. “His continued dedication to Kalamazoo Public Schools allows our district to provide an innovative instrument program unlike any other.”



Bows wait for KPS musicians.

Every instrument is serviced when it is returned at the end of the year. Richmond handles everything from cleaning brass instruments that can be-
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Tim Richmond *(continued from page 10)*



The instrument graveyard, which Richmond uses for spare parts.

come corroded from saliva to soldering joints and fixing stuck mouth pieces.

“And dent work,” Richmond said. “All kinds of dent work.”

The instrument storeroom is one of those magical places filled with stuff. Rows and rows of instruments, of course, but more interestingly are all of the parts of instruments. Some are in tidy stacks and rows and drawers. But there are also shelves stuffed with broken instruments that are beyond repair — but not beyond usefulness. Richmond keeps spares around to harvest for parts — a neck, a button missing from a clarinet, an odd-shaped valve.

He'll admit that not all of the instruments in the school district's inventory are perfect, there are a few “clunkers” in the mix.

But with his attention and care, “they're all in playable condition when they go out of this space to students. Everybody has the chance to do their best in playing an instrument.”

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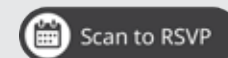
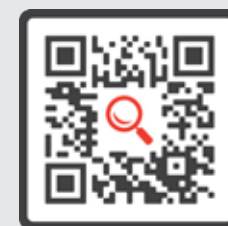
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First Day of School and Back to School Celebrations



Sophia Horein rushes to join friends at Arcadia Elementary School on the first day of the school year.



Northeastern kindergartener Emonii Burnett and her mom, Tiesha Burnett pose after a successful first day of kindergarten.



Dr. Tamiko Garrett from Communities in Schools helps Amarion Bradley figure out his class assignment at Milwood Elementary School.



Carlito Gordon, Zaire Smith and Hudson Labrecque, pose by Milwood Elementary school's new gaga pit on the first day of school.



Loy Norrix cheerleaders warm up before the 2023 staff convocation.



Loy Norrix cheerleader Imani Hobson poses for a picture with Prairie Ridge student Onyx Johnson at the 2023 all-staff convocation at Miller Auditorium. Onyx was there with his father Jahdal Johnson, who was working the event as D.J. Conscious.



Woodward School secretary Laura Flegel provides a warm welcome to students, from left, Armani Stansbury, Bernard Jackson and Christian Jackson, who holds his dog Nugget.

ON THE FRONT COVER: WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) leaders Braden O'Rourke, Evan Woods, Georgia Jones, and Leah Kucharzyk welcome students to Linden Grove.



Northglade Montessori teaching assistant Margie Coleman welcomes Jameson Tuwey to third grade on Aug. 28.



Cynthia Ivens is all smiles as she meets new superintendent Dr. Darrin Slade on the first day of school at Arcadia Elementary.



Kalamazoo Central's Sidney Mack, Paris Thomas, Sebastian Mays, Braylin Rabb, London Rabb and Bridgette Andrzejewski start the new year with a group photo.



Thank you to Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety officers Joshua Pena and Emily Hahn for stopping by to help Lincoln International Studies School celebrate the first day of school.



A'elisa Welbaum and ZaNyah Cole were pretty in pink — and a pink backpack — on the first day of school at Lincoln International Studies School.



Kalamazoo Central students, from left, Janiya Berry, NaKirra Moore, and Kennedy Hudson show off their Giant smiles on the first day of the new school year.



Charlie Bare, Riley Bare, Caleb McClendon and Ethan Alvarez wait for the start of school at Linden Grove Middle School.

While raising four strong, independent daughters with his wife Cori Terry, Mayor David Anderson has:

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Janine VanStee
Instruction and Student
Services
Special Education
Coordinator

Diane Venzant-Baker
Spring Valley Center for
Exploration
Teacher

Lynn Weller
Northeastern Elementary
Teacher

Linda White
Varied
Food Service Cook

Donald Woodruff
Facilities
Facilities Management

Leroy Green
Milwood Elementary
Behavior Specialist
(In Memoriam)



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ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Kalamazoo Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce the use of chemical pesticide(s) as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, they will only be used as a last resort.

You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school buildings and grounds. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you can be

provided notice following any such application. To receive notification, please complete the following information and submit to your child's school.

Should you have any questions or concerns about pest management within your child's school, please feel free to contact Karen Jackson, Executive Supervisor/Facilities Management, at (269) 337-0400. Thank you for helping us with this matter.

To receive notification, please fill out the following form and return it to your child's school.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION REQUEST • 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of School: _____

Student's (Child's) Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Please Check One:

- ☐ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment **inside** of the building.
- ☐ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the **outside** grounds of the school.
- ☐ Both of the above.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Please report any change of schools or address to Karen Jackson at (269) 337-0400.

Important AHERA Notice

All Kalamazoo Public Schools Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response (AHERA) Management Plans are available for review by parents/guardians and employees of Kalamazoo Public Schools. They may be reviewed by:

1. Contacting individual buildings, where each Plan is located in the administrative office and may be reviewed there during school hours, or
2. Contacting Karen Jackson, at the Office of Facilities Management, 600 W. Vine Street, (269) 337-0400.

The district has completed six-month periodic surveillance, as required under the AHERA guidelines, which reassessed all areas of known or assumed asbestos materials to determine if a change has taken place. The results of the inspections have been added to the current AHERA Management Plans.



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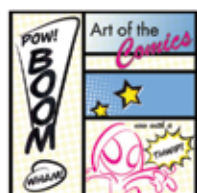
Undertake a quest across land, sea and space to explore the role of mapping and navigation in everyday life in the exciting exhibit "Explore Your World!" Created by Scitech in Perth, Australia, and Produced by Imagine Exhibitions.



EXHIBIT NOW - JAN. 7, 2024 | FREE

SPLAT! The Buzz About Flyswatters

Celebrate the passion of collecting everyday objects with this unique display of over 1,000 flyswatters from Iza van Riemsdijk's collection.



WORKSHOP FREE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 | 10 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Pow! Boom! Wham! Art of the Comics

Explore animation and comics with professional illustrator Aubrey Jewel Rodgers. Two mini workshops are planned, including some special guests named Spidey, Spin and Ghosty! Comic character costumes are welcome!



EVENT FREE

SATURDAY, OCT. 14 | NOON - 4 P.M.

Chemistry Day

Learn about "Health and Medicine: The Healing Power of Chemistry" by engaging in exciting experiments and captivating demonstrations.



EVENT

SATURDAY, OCT. 28 | FREE

Museum Mayhem

Free planetarium mini-shows, hands-on activities, puking pumpkin chemistry demos, storytime and more seasonal surprises!

PLANETARIUM EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER SHOWS | \$3 PER PERSON
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

Magic Globe | 11 a.m. | 28 min. | Grades K & up

Go on a journey with a young girl, Mia, to learn about the importance of the changing seasons on Earth's delicate ecosystem.

Ooky Spooky | 2 p.m. | 44 min. | Grades 2 & up

This family-friendly light show includes Halloween music favorites, such as "Monster Mash" and "Thriller," paired with full-dome graphics.

SUNDAYS

Dino SOARS! | 1 p.m. | 23 min. | Grades 3 & up

Join paleontologist Malkia to discover connections between the birds of today and the dinosaurs that roamed the Earth millions of years ago.

The Sky Above Us | 2 p.m. | 40 min. | Grades 4 & up

Learn about some of the "celestial wonders" that can be seen overhead in Michigan.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8 ONLY

Sky Legends of the Three Fires | 1 p.m. | 45 min. | All ages

Gather around a campfire with Larry Plamondon, known as Two Hawks, for three Native American stories.

Living in Balance | 2 p.m. | 25 min. | Grades 5 & up

Enjoy Anishinaabe stories of constellations and moons in relation to contemporary insights about environmental changes.

HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday | Noon - 4 p.m.

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Note: Some areas of the museum may be closed due to exhibit changes, staffing needs, special programs or collections care. We thank you for your patience.

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