



DIALOG
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024
5-8 PM, RILEY UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Face Painting • Balloon Artists •
- Inflatables • Petting Zoo • Pony Rides •

JOIN US!



- Admission: \$5 per child (Age 3 & up) • Concessions available for purchase •
 - Shuttles available from Roosevelt Elementary School •
- ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

LIVONIA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



Thank you to the over 1,000 guests who attended the Community Open House at the new Livonia Early Childhood Center on July 15! We are so proud of this beautiful new center for our youngest learners.

With students, families and staff at the forefront of our planning, the ECC's design elements are intentional, functional, and welcoming. From the color-coded way-finding features, attention to multi-sensory design elements and bright,

beautiful classrooms to the large gross motor room and student experience kitchen called the Mixing Bowl, we cannot wait to fill the halls, rooms and play areas with children this fall!

To learn more about this significant project, visit lecc.livoniaschools.org.



SUMMER REGISTRATION

For New Families

New families can begin the registration process at www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration.

If you have any questions, please email registration@livoniapublicschools.org.

Not sure which school your child will attend? Go to the link <https://webapps.resa.net/sa/> and type in your street address to locate your school!

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT A GLANCE

- Visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration to begin the registration process as early as possible.
- Complete the registration forms online, and upload all the required documents. If you are unable to load your documents, you will be required to present them in person.
- After you submit your form, you will be prompted to schedule an appointment to visit and present identification to confirm your registration. If you do not have access to a computer, paper packets will be available for you to complete in our office. Appointments are required.

You must provide identification in person to complete the registration process.

BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL

CHILDCARE INFORMATION

734-744-2813 ext. 22130

livoniapublicschools.org/sacc

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

HEALTH RECORDS FOR NEW STUDENTS

All new students must have up-to-date immunization records, or a waiver from the Wayne County Health Department. Vision records are required for incoming kindergartners.

Contact Pupil Accounting at 734-744-2541 or email registration@livoniapublicschools.org with any questions.

K-6 STUDENTS

Centralized Registration will be offered for K-6 students during the summer months in the front lobby of Central Office (15125 Farmington Rd.).

The office is available for scheduled appointments only.

Summer Registration Information

July through September

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Beginning September 9, all registrations will be completed through your child's school.

7-12 STUDENTS

Summer registration for students in grades 7-12 is facilitated through the assigned school.

Please call the school directly to make a registration appointment.

**Monday-Thursday,
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAYS**

Emerson Middle School
734-744-2665
ext. 36102

Churchill High School
734-744-2650
ext. 46913

Frost Middle School
734-744-2670
ext. 37103

Franklin High School
734-744-2655
ext. 47913

Holmes Middle School
734-744-2675
ext. 38902

Stevenson High School
734-744-2660
ext. 48913

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW FAMILIES

School tours for elementary families new to the district will be offered at all K-4 schools. Tours will be held on the following date:

Thursday, August 15

At 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

No reservations are required. Please attend the tour at your child's assigned school.



FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST

Greetings,

A heartfelt “welcome back” to all our students, staff, and families! We’re thrilled to kick off another exciting school year here at Livonia Public Schools.

The summer months have been bustling with activity as we’ve meticulously planned for the 2024-2025 school year. From planning opening professional development for our school leaders and staff, readying learning materials and curriculum mapping, to closely monitoring major bond projects across several schools, including the inauguration of the Livonia Early Childhood Center—the first new school in LPS in over half a century – we’re eager to embark on this new chapter!

This past year, we saw strong growth in student achievement on the M-Step, on which we will continue to build this year. With Student Achievement as our first core priority, the focus on our Professional Learning Team (PLT) efforts, laser-like dedication to the goals set through the school improvement process and care for the individual needs of our students via our Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), we are poised to climb the trajectory of progress!

With over 13,000 students in our care, we take great pride in offering a diverse array of programs tailored to every interest and ability. Our commitment extends beyond academics to include state-of-the-art facilities that enhance the learning and work environments and all of the “extras” that help ignite that sense of wonder and curiosity in our students.

Our district has “Core Four” priorities, on which we focus our efforts, our resources and set course for the year ahead. One of these areas is Fiscal Responsibility. As community members and taxpayers, it is important that you are aware and updated on the fiscal stewardship of our school district. Therefore, I’d like to share some essential information, which should serve as a strong point of pride for us all.

Navigating school funding can be challenging, given the fluctuations in state budgets that often come after our local budgets are set. Despite these uncertainties, LPS maintains a steadfast dedication to fiscal responsibility. I am tremendously proud of our Board of Education and our district leadership team for prudent management of our finances.

While school finance may not be the most enthralling topic, it’s essential to highlight how we maximize and carefully manage public funds to enrich student learning and support their well-being. LPS receives funding through various channels, including one-time grants, state per pupil funding, bond issues for facility upgrades, sinking fund allocations for maintenance, and the Wayne County Enhancement Millage for enhanced programming.

These resources enable us to deliver a relevant curriculum, expand social-emotional supports (including a significant increase in mental health resources), modernize facilities, and more. Our financial stability is a testament to our careful planning and management. We are proud to maintain a healthy fund balance, as recommended by Michigan School Business Officials, which ensures we’re prepared for funding fluctuations or unexpected expenses. This responsible approach has also led to upgrades in our bond rating, resulting in substantial interest savings for taxpayers.

Each year, our external audits consistently validate the integrity of our financial practices and bond programs at the highest level, reflecting our commitment to transparency and accountability.

As a community member or member of our LPS team, you can feel confident that the stewardship of district resources is strong!

As we embark on this new school year, let’s celebrate our achievements and look forward to continued success in providing an exceptional education for every student at Livonia Public Schools.

With thanks for your support of Livonia Public Schools,

Andrea L. Oquist



Superintendent



OUR LPS PRIORITY AREAS ARE:

Focused on Student Achievement

Cultivated with Employee Capacity

Supported by Fiscal Responsibility

Wrapped in Climate and Culture

Rooted in our Shared Vision



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Demonstrating a strategic commitment to high levels of learning for all students as evidenced by measurable growth and achievement through equitable access to consistent, rigorous and engaging curriculum & instruction. Student learning is at our core.

EMPLOYEE CAPACITY

Investing in our students begins with an investment in our staff. Building capacity and engagement of each LPS staff member results in meaningful and impactful work.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Exhibiting thoughtful and consistent oversight of budget development in order to utilize our district’s finances & resources to maximize opportunities for students, support our priority focus areas and promote responsible stewardship.

CLIMATE AND CULTURE

Upholding a culture in which we value one another and each contribute daily to a respectful, inclusive and positive environment for all. A sense of belonging is essential.

LPS PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Livonia Early Childhood Center

The new Livonia Public Schools Early Childhood Center will open August 2024 and will house LPS childcare and preschool programs, including:

- Preschool
- Great Start Readiness Program
- Early Childhood Programs
- Childcare

For more information, visit us online at lecc.livoniapublicschools.org

Adult and Continuing Education

The Adult and Continuing Education Program provides adults and youth with opportunities for obtaining a GED or high school diploma, enhancing basic skills, and training for the workforce.

For more information, call 734-744-2607, or visit us online at www.livoniapublicschools.org/programs/adult-education

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

If your child is in need of bus transportation for the 2024-2025 school year, and your home address is within eligible boundaries for bussing, please see the important information below.

Parents/guardians must request transportation via their ParentConnect account.

See instructions below. For username and password recovery, follow the prompt on the home screen of ParentConnect. For further assistance, email parentconnect@livoniapublicschools.org. If you do not have a computer, or you are unsure if your student qualifies for bussing, please call (734) 744-2618 for assistance. If your student is new to the district, email communication will be forthcoming with ParentConnect log-in information.

Bus route information will be posted in ParentConnect, under the Transportation tab. Date forthcoming.

FOOD SERVICE UPDATE

The breakfast program begins in all schools August 26.

The lunch program begins in middle and high schools on August 26, and in elementary schools August 27.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS RETURN TO LPS

The State of Michigan fiscal budget includes funding for free breakfast and lunch to be available to all students. School meals will be free of charge to all students, under the new Michigan School Meals Program.

It remains important for families to complete the federal "free or reduced meals" application, in order to be eligible for other benefits available to income-eligible households. Benefits include the summer EBT program and reduced Pay to Participate fees for LPS athletics and activities. Filling out the form also enables Livonia Public Schools to receive important state funding for educational programs.

Please check the Food and Nutrition Services webpage at <https://www.livoniapublicschools.org/departments/food-and-nutrition-services> for more information on applying.

For more information, contact the Food Service Department at (734) 744-2820 or via email at foodservice@livoniapublicschools.org.

PARENTCONNECT UPDATE

No later than August 19, 2024, all parents are required to login to ParentConnect to complete the electronic back-to-school information packet, including your contact information and emergency card information, for each child prior to the first day of school.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024-2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. Please refer to the school websites for most current information throughout the year.

Aug. 26	First day of school: See school websites for times
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Labor Day Weekend
Oct. 1	NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Professional Development
Oct. 10	NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov. 5	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development
Nov. 6-7	Secondary, Parent-Teacher Conferences: Half day, a.m. only
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 13	Elementary, Teacher Work Day: Half day, a.m. only
Dec. 16	NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Professional Development
Dec. 19-20	Common Summative Assessments Secondary, Half day, a.m. only
Dec. 23-Jan.3	Winter Recess
Jan. 10	NO SCHOOL: Secondary, Teacher Work Day
Jan. 13	NO SCHOOL: Secondary, Professional Development
Jan. 20	NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 17	NO SCHOOL: President's Day
March 7	Teacher Work Day: Elementary, Half day, a.m. only
March 10	NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Professional Development
March 24-28	Spring Recess
April 3	NO SCHOOL: Secondary, Professional Development
April 18	NO SCHOOL: Good Friday
May 23	Half day, a.m. only
May 26	Memorial Day Recess
May 27	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development
June 4-5	Common Summative Assessments Secondary, Half day, a.m. only
June 5	Last day of student attendance: See school websites for times

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSES

See websites for times and future updates

Early Childhood

LECC Thurs. Aug. 22

Lower Elementary

Buchanan Thurs. Aug. 22

Cleveland Thurs. Sept. 5

Coolidge Wed. Aug. 28

Grant Thurs. Sept. 5

Hayes Wed. Sept. 25

Hoover Tue. Sep. 10

Kennedy Thurs. Aug. 22

Randolph Thurs. Aug. 22

Roosevelt Thurs. Aug. 29

Rosedale Wed. Sept. 4

Webster Wed. Sept. 4

Niji-Iro Wed. Sept. 4

Upper Elementary

Cooper Thurs. Aug. 22

Johnson Thurs. Aug. 22

Riley Thurs. Aug. 22

SECONDARY OPEN HOUSES

Middle School

Emerson Wed Sept. 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frost Thurs. Sept. 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Holmes Thurs. Sept. 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

High School

Churchill Thurs. Sept. 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Franklin Tues. Sept. 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Stevenson Wed. Sept. 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

LCTC Wed. Sept. 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WWSC Thurs. Sept. 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

LTP Wed. Aug. 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Welcome Walks

Emerson, Holmes Fri. Aug. 23, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Frost Thurs. Aug. 15, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, LCTC Fri. Aug. 23, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES K-6)

Class assignments will be available on ParentConnect on the week of August 19th. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Monday, August 26 - Half Day

Students attend in morning only.
Transportation and breakfast program begin on Aug. 26.

Tuesday, August 27 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins.
Lunch program begins on Aug. 27.

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES 1-6)

Elementary class assignments for ACAT students will be available on the week of August 19th on ParentConnect.

Monday, August 26 - Half Day

All Webster students attend in morning only.
Transportation and breakfast program begin on Aug. 26.

Tuesday, August 27 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins.
Lunch program begins on Aug. 27.

NIJI-IRO JAPANESE IMMERSION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, August 26 - Half Day

Students attend in morning only.

Tuesday, August 27 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins.
Lunch program begins on Aug. 27.

CENTER PROGRAM STUDENTS

Bus assignments for students being transported to the center programs within or outside of the district will be listed in ParentConnect on the week of Aug. 19th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8)

Schedules will be available on ParentConnect the week of August 19th. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Monday, August 26

Grade 7: Full day
Grade 8: Delayed start
Times will be communicated to families by the school.

Tuesday, August 27 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins.
Transportation, breakfast, and lunch programs begin on Aug. 27.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Schedules will be available on ParentConnect the week of August 19th. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Monday, August 26

Grade 9: Full Day
Grades 10-12: Delayed start
Times will be communicated to families by the school.

Tuesday, August 27

Regular full day schedule begins.
Transportation, breakfast, and lunch programs begin on Aug. 27.

SECONDARY PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

MACAT (housed at Frost Middle School)

The Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) Program is the District's middle school program designed for students of high ability and high achievement in all academic areas. The MACAT curriculum consists of classes in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The current process for entering MACAT begins with the grade level testing that every LPS 6th grade student participates in. Based on the results of these tests, letters are sent to parents and guardians to inform them of the opportunity to have their student considered for the MACAT Program for 7th grade. A selection committee comprised of teachers and administrators then selects the MACAT students from the students who have returned the nomination materials.

Please email macat@livoniapublicschools.org with questions.

MSC (Housed at Churchill High School)

The Livonia Public Schools Math/Science/Computer (MSC) Program provides a concentration in math/science/computer science to students in grades 9-12 who have a high level of achievement and interest in the areas of math and science. MSC students split their day between regular study and MSC classes.

Students who will have completed Algebra 1 by the end of 8th grade are eligible to apply for the MSC Program for 9th grade. MSC students become full-time Churchill High School students. Transportation to Churchill is provided for MSC students who live in the Franklin and Stevenson attendance areas. Parents of LPS students who fit the Algebra eligibility guideline will be notified the week of October 21, 2024 of the opportunity for the student to apply to the MSC Program for the fall of 2025.

Applications for all students are due by Thursday, November 14, 2024. Testing for fall 2025 admission to the MSC Program is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2024.

The MSC Program is open to LPS students only. Students in eighth grade residing within the district but not currently enrolled in LPS should contact msc@livoniapublicschools.org for more information.

For More Information

More information about the MACAT and MSC programs can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/academically-talented. The MSC website will be updated by mid-August with all relevant information.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ADA Accessibility

Livonia Public Schools, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is committed to ensuring that communication with individuals with disabilities are as effective as communications with others and will furnish appropriate aids and services where necessary to meet this commitment. Persons desiring further information are to contact the Director of Student Services at 734-744-2524.

AHERA Update

LPS, as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) conducts ongoing surveillance and re-inspection programs for asbestos. LPS has an ongoing operations and maintenance program to address the asbestos in the buildings owned and operated by the district. Visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices for the annual update and information.

Child Find (Student Evaluations)

If your child is between birth and age five and you suspect that they may have a special need or developmental delay, please call 1-800-EARLYON (for birth to age three) or 734-744-2765. If your child lives within LPS boundaries in grades pre-K to 12th grade and you suspect a special need or disability, or you are an adult who may need accommodations or services as an individual with a disability, please contact the administrator at your child's school or the Student Services Department at 734-744-2524.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law that affords parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. They include the right to: inspect and review records; request an amendment to records; consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information in student's records (except in instances where disclosure without consent is allowed); file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students." See full policy at livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) offers anyone the right to request access to public documents or information. Within LPS, requests can be made to the Human Resources Department. For more information, visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

Integrated Pest Management

Occasionally, Livonia Public Schools may apply pesticides to our schools, school grounds, and athletic areas. As parents and guardians, you have the right to be notified prior to such applications. If you wish to be notified via first class mail or e-mail, please contact Harry Lau at hlu@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2511.

A posting of pesticides used inside or outside of any LPS building will be placed in advance at the entrance of the building, and on the Livonia Public Schools website. In an emergency situation, LPS may make an application without prior notification to parents or guardians; however,

parents/guardians will be notified of the application after it occurs. Further information regarding pesticides can be obtained by contacting The National Pesticide Information Center at 800-858-7378.

Immunization Requirements

Immunizations are one of the most effective and scientifically proven measures to protect children from harmful diseases and death. Since 1978, Michigan law has required that each student have an up-to-date certificate of immunization at the time of registration (or no later than the first day of school) for entry into kindergarten and 7th grade, and for enrollment into a new school district, grades 1-12. Michigan schools are required to report immunization information regardless of their mode of instruction. Any student who fails to meet the immunization requirements shall not be admitted or participate in school classes.

Lost or Stolen Property

Livonia Public Schools and its staff members are not liable for damage to or loss of personal property of students. It is suggested that items brought to school by your child and deemed by you to have substantial value be insured separately on your homeowner's policy.

McKinney Vento Act

Livonia Public Schools follows federal mandates for the McKinney Vento Act by enrolling any homeless children who lack a regular and adequate night-time residence. Homeless children are placed according to their best interests, and have the same rights as resident students. If you are aware of children in this circumstance, please call 734-744-2535.

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Education that Livonia Public Schools School District will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or transgender status. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, and marital status - Director of Human Resources, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at (734) 744-2566. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: handicap or disability - Director of Student Services, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at (734) 744-2524.

Personal Curriculum

A personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements.

A PC may be requested by the parent or guardian of a student for whom the curriculum is sought, or by a student of majority age or emancipated minor status. For more information, visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

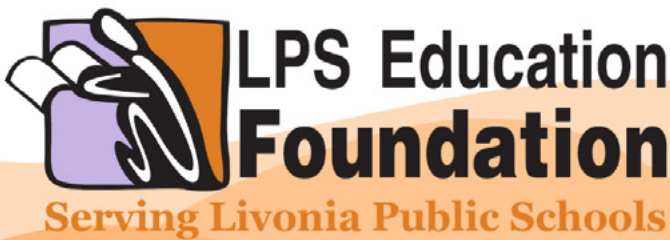
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The mission of the LPS Education Foundation is to enlarge the resources available to the school district, which will foster and expand educational opportunities for programs impacting students by building effective collaborations.

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JANUARY 30, 2025

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How to Volunteer with LPS Education Foundation

We'd love to have you join our team of wonderful volunteers! Please scan QR code or use link below to fill out this short form.
<https://bit.ly/LPSEFVolunteer>



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