A Letter to the Community

November 2019 Election—Bond Issue for Capital Improvement Projects

Dear Parents and Community Members:

In 2005, the citizens of Summerfield School District approved a 2.5 mill bond issue for capital projects and buildings and grounds improvements at Summerfield Schools. All of those projects were completed during the two-year period after the millage was approved. Thirteen years later, there are additional improvement projects required at both schools. This list of projects is currently being finalized and will be available in the near future. The Board of Education and administration have begun the process to place a millage request on the November 2019 ballot. The 2006 levy was approved for 2.5 mills. However, due to positive interest rates and a refinancing of the bonds, the full 2.5 mills have never been levied. The current rate is 1.5 mills. With the approval of this request in November, the millage rate would stay at or below the original 2.5 mills with no increase beyond what was approved in 2006. There will be more information in the near future about these projects and the November election. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact John S. Hewitt, Superintendent at 734-279-1035 ext. 126 or by email at hewitt@summerfield.k12.mi.us.

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At their meetings of October through January, the Board of Education took action on these items:

- Approved the employment of Mr. Michael Arden as a secondary math teacher.
- Approved the employment of the 2018 winter coaches.
- Accepted the resignation of Mr. Ryan Lefever as Head Football Coach.
- Approved the SEA proposed change to Schedule C regarding MESSA Essentials insurance coverage offered with a lower deductible.
- Approved the 2008-2019 Dundee Cooperative Agreement
- Approved the plans for the 2019 Senior Trip as presented.
- Approved the 2019 Prom plans as presented.
- Approved the request to hire Mr. Alex Lipka as Varsity Football Coach.
- Adopted a Resolution in Support of School Finance Research Collaborative Study.
- First Reading of Policy #6228 Families in Transition/Homeless & Unaccompanied Youth.
- Elected Mrs. Rebecca Curley as President, Mrs. Emily Hamilton as Vice President, Mr. Keith Olmstead as Treasurer and Mrs. Kelly Sweeney as Secretary.
- Administered Oath to Mrs. Kelly Sweeney, Dr. (Continued on page 2)
Elementary Honor Roll


* Denotes all A’s

Board Highlights (Cont’d.)

Terry Keller and Mrs. Christina Eyler.

• Approved Amendments to the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget.

• Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #6228 Families in Transition/Homeless & Unaccompanied Youth.

• Approved a contract with NEOLA for Board Policy Services.

• Approved a Resolution to Opt-Out of 105 and Opt-In to 105c of the State School Aid Act (Schools of Choice).

ABE — All Bulldogs Eat

Our Program was created to ensure that Bulldogs (students, teachers, and staff) who use either of the two Summerfield cafeterias are never turned away for lack of funds. Our group, with the help of our great community, will find the funds so that no Bulldog will be turned away from getting their meal. We will not track data on who uses the Program — no shaming that comes with naming. The outpouring of support from our community has been incredible, and we’ve been able to provide enough funds to satisfy the current need.

How to Give

• Checks made out to ABE can be mailed to All Bulldogs Eat, 4161 Forrest St., Petersburg, MI 49270

• On-line donations can be made on Facebook at the ABE Go-FundMe page at:

a.b.e.-all bulldogs eat

EDUCATION
Asbestos

A three-year reinspection was completed by DMD Environmental, Inc. on August 15, 2016. The reinspection was accomplished in accordance with AHERA, 40 CFR Part 763.85(b). Assessments made were based upon the assessment procedure outlined in the EPA document “Guidance for Controlling Asbestos Containing Materials in Buildings”. Each friable and non-friable known or assumed asbestos containing building material (ACBM) in each Summerfield School building was reviewed. The next three-year reinspection is scheduled to be completed by August 2019.

ASBESTOS AND HEALTH:

In attempting to come to terms with asbestos in buildings, several issues must be considered. Until recently, the asbestos mineral was used in thousands of better constructed buildings as a fire retardant. Hundreds of thousands of tons were used in school buildings, hospitals, shopping centers and homes within the past several decades. The purpose was to prevent fires from starting or a building from collapsing once a fire had started. Asbestos is commonly found in floor and ceiling tile, acoustical soundproofing, on structural reinforcing, in decorative coatings, in pipe and heating equipment insulations, roof materials, carpet glue and even concrete. Of most concern are areas of asbestos-bearing materials which can be easily crumbled under pressure. Such materials create a potential for asbestos fiber release. Exposure to airborne asbestos (tiny mineral particles which can be inhaled), especially in heavy doses, has been found to relate to several forms of cancer. Children and young adults who are exposed to asbestos are probably at greater risk than older people of developing certain asbestos related diseases. The Environmental Protection Agency has developed guidelines for schools to identify asbestos within buildings and the Institute has designed a system for determining relative risks and suggesting appropriate safety responses.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In 1988-89, The Institute for Environmental Assessment was requested by Summerfield Schools to review and prepare an asbestos management plan identifying the presence of asbestos within district school buildings. The Institute’s federally certified inspector, planners, public health and engineering consultants worked in conjunction with school administrative personnel to identify asbestos-containing building products. They developed some general recommendations for the School System regarding procedures for dealing with material that may contain asbestos. These recommendations should contribute to the safeguarding of all building occupants. Regular six-month inspections of the remaining asbestos are conducted by a certified inspector as well as three-year reinspections conducted by DMD Environmental, Inc. Detailed descriptions of the recommendations are available for review in the office of the Superintendent.

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN:

Asbestos found in schools can be dealt with safely and responsibly. The Environmental Protection Agency states:

It is important to note that not all friable (easily pulverized) asbestos-containing material need be removed from schools. Once the material has been identified, a program can be implemented to insure that the material is maintained in good condition and that appropriate precautions are followed when the material is disturbed for any reason.

School officials began the risk assessment process by having their buildings inspected and analyzing any suspect materials. Based in part on the long-term past commitment of the School System to safeguarding public health, the Institute is assured that the appropriate responses will be implemented.

Response Actions Completed:

- Removed approximately 6,000 square feet of 5% Chrysotile in elementary classrooms 30-34, 36-38.
- Removed approximately 68 joint connections in elementary rooms 30-38.
- Removed approximately 2,200 square feet of ACM floor tile and associated mastic from the northwest wing (library lobby and hallway) of the elementary school.
- Removal of approximately 2,300 square feet of ACM floor tile and associated mastic from northeast wing (elementary school office lobby and surrounding hallways)
- Removal of approximately 1,100 square feet of ACM floor tile and associated mastic from the teacher’s room and one elementary classroom.
- Removed approximately 87 mudded pipe joints on fiberglass insulation of classrooms, teacher’s lounge and hallway in the elementary 1954 addition.
- Removed 4 mudded pipe joints on fiberglass insulation and air cell insulation in the elementary cafeteria and office and 80 lin. ft. of air cell pipe insulation in the elementary cafeteria
- Removed 5 lin. ft. of pre-formed pipe insulation and 2 mudded pipe joints on pre-formed insulation in the elementary south teacher’s lounge and hallway in the elementary 1954 addition.

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School Buses are Like Traffic Signals

School Bus Safety Tips:

- Prepare to stop when a slowing bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing.
- Stop at least 20 feet away from buses when red lights are flashing, unless driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway.
- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Look for clues—such as safety patrols, crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds—that indicate children might be in the area.
- Watch for children between parked cars and other objects.
- Use additional caution in bad weather.

Not paid for with state funds. Paid for with funding From the U.S. Department of Transportation.
Athletic Standouts

Four members of the Summerfield High School Football team made 1st Team All League in Football:

Brendan Zeipekis, Quarterback, Bryce Smith, Defensive End, Mark Keller, Outside Linebacker and Brendan Dafoe, Defensive Back. McCarty Petticrew received the Sportsmanship Award.

Kirk Knerr and Ryan Puterbaugh were named as 1st Team All-Academic, 8th Division and Boston Bashaw, Honorable Mention All-Academic, 8th Division.

The football team qualified as 1st Team All-State/All Academic Division 8.

Alexandria Ausmus was the sole runner for the Summerfield Cross-Country team that made the MHSAA State finals. She also was named Academic All-State.

Rylee Dean qualified for State in Girls’ Golf.

Cori Manore was All-Region in Volleyball and the team was named by MIVCA as 1st Team All-Academic. All-League honors went to Olivia LaRocca—First Team, Corie Manore and Sophia Ford—2nd Team, and Taylor Wamsley—Sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all these fine athletes!

Asbestos (Cont’d.)

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• Removed 6 lin. ft. of pre-formed pipe insulation and 2 mudded pipe joints on preformed insulation in the special education room in the elementary 1954 addition.

• Removed 8 mudded pipe joints on fiberglass insulation in Rm #2 (Office next to boiler room) in the 1954 addition.

• Removed 4 mudded pipe joints on fiberglass insulation in hallway outside west custodial office.

• Removed 9x9 vinyl floor tile & Mastic (approx. 5,600 sq. in elementary rooms 13-19.

• Removed 40 lin. ft. of pre-formed and millboard pipe insulation and 3 mudded pipe joints on pre-formed insulation in storage under stage (elementary).
Congratulations to the following students whose projects were chosen to advance to the Monroe County Fair:

Allison Falsey
Grace LaRocca
Malaki Reilly
Ruby Baugher
Mary Blair
Annabel Doughty
Marissa Eastman
Lindsey Roof
Faith Secor
Cameron Taylor
Jacob Zilka

Dear Parents/Guardians:

A recent social media challenge targeting children and young adults called the “Momo Challenge,” has created concern throughout the country due to its disturbing nature. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of this challenge, provide you with information about it, and urge you to monitor your children’s use of social media and the internet. The “Momo Challenge,” a game found on Facebook, YouTube, Kids Tube, WhatsApp, and various other games and apps features a frightening avatar who asks its viewers to perform various tasks and provide photos as proof. The “momo” threatens those who do not perform the tasks. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child’s social media and internet interactions.

It’s important that children know that they should not be trying to contact strangers online, regardless of the method. Setting privacy systems on devices with your child is a great way to have this conversation and agree on automatic precautions. Fostering an atmosphere of openness and transparency about online activity ensures that children can thrive. If you do notice them switching screens on their devices when approached or new numbers or email addresses on their devices it’s worth checking in with them.

We send this letter with caution because talking about the Challenge can cause alarm and fear in more students than those actually exposed. However, because many students are aware and discussing this at school, we wanted to address the issue.

Junior High Student Council

8th Grade: 7th Grade:
Dakota Kohn Mary Blair
Abby Stevens Emma Carr
Mason Wolfe Isabella Gonzales
Gabby Stout Zachary Stambaugh
Ariana Ault Kaydence Preston
Mason Hall Ruby Baugher

Testing Dates

M-STEP—Gr. 5 & 8 w/o 4/8 thru 5/3
SAT—Gr. 11 Tues. 4/9
PSAT—Gr. 8, 9 & 10 4/9-4/10
ACT WorkKeys—Gr. 11 4/10
M-Step—Gr. 7 w/o 4/29
M-Step—Gr. 3, 4, 6 & 7 4.29 thru 5/24
Applications for the Monroe County Schools of Choice (SOC) Program for the 2019-2020 school year will be available April 1 in the administration building of each school district. You may also download a copy from the district website under the Schools of Choice link on our website. The completed applications are due back to your resident district by Friday, June 28, 2019.

Applicants will be notified by July 12, 2019, whether or not they have been accepted into the program. The number of transfers allowed is determined by the space available in each participating district and the space available at each building. The loss of a district may not be more than 1% per year, based on the previous year’s student count. Due to

this fact, Summerfield Schools will be accepting students at all grade levels, however, releases will be on a restricted basis. Parents of students accepted under Schools of Choice must formally accept or reject acceptance into the Schools of Choice Program by Tuesday, August 2, 2019, and must formally register their student(s) by Tuesday, August 10, 2019.

Summerfield Schools accepts students under 105c, which allows students in adjacent school districts outside of Monroe County to attend Summerfield Schools. Applications for Out of County Schools of Choice (105c) are available in the Superintendent Office or on the school district website.

Students currently on a one-year release for the 2018-2019 school year must fill out School of Choice paperwork and be accepted into the SOC program in order to continue attending the Choice district for the 2019-2020 school year.

Questions regarding Schools of Choice may be directed to Mr. John Hewitt, superintendent, at 734-279-1035, ext. 126.

Main Roads Only Plan for Our Busses

Our transportation department has devised a plan for our busses to run on main roads only, if necessary. This plan could be used for ice on the unpaved roads or even mud during the spring thaw. The plan is included here. All Summerfield families will be notified by a Honeywell Alert if the main roads only plan is put into use. If you have questions, please call the superintendent’s office at 734-279-1035.

**Bus 11-21, Driver Roger Reinhardt:**

Students living in the 17000 block of Lulu Rd., will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Lulu and Teal Road.

**Bus 04-18, Driver Al Gilson:**

Students on Alcott Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Alcott and Ida Center Rd. Students on Todd Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Todd and Sylvania-Petersburg Rd. Students on Lulu Rd. will be picked up/dropped at Lulu Rd. and Sylvania-Petersburg Rd. Students on Alt Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Alt and Ida Center Road.

**Bus 05-13, Driver PJ Kottke:**

Students living on Dunbar Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Dunbar and Wells, students on S. Dixon will be picked up/dropped at the corner of S. Dixon and Ida West Rd. Students on N. Dixon will be picked up/dropped at the corner of N. Dixon and Summerfield Road.

**Bus 11-20, Driver Teresa Fletcher:**

Students living on Bacon Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the nearest paved intersection closest to you. Bacon and Morocco, Bacon and Todd, Bacon and Ida Center. Students on Stull Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Stull and Ida Center Rd. Students on Rose Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Rose and Madison Street.

**Bus 04-08, Driver Dena Albain:**

Lulu Rd. between Wells and US 23 will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Lulu and Wells Rd. Students on Lulu between Wells and Secor will be picked up/dropped at Lulu and Wells Rd. Students on Albain between Summerfield Rd. and US 23 will be picked up/dropped at Lulu and Summerfield Road.

**Bus 01-10, Driver Rachael Redlinger:**

Students on Cortz Rd will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Cortz and Summerfield Rd. Students on Albain Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Albain and Summerfield Rd. Students on Morocco will be picked up/dropped at the corner of Morocco/Summerfield Rd. Students on Wells Rd. will be picked up/dropped at the nearest paved intersections closest to their homes: Wells/Rauch, Wells/Tunnicliffe, Wells/Ida Center.

**Bus 06-14, Driver Jackie Garst:**

Students on N. County Line will be picked up/dropped at the nearest paved intersection in relation to their home, Bragg/Deerfield Hwy., Bragg/Brewer. Students on Lenawee Rd. will be picked up/dropped at Lenawee and Brewer Rd. Students on Cake Rd. will meet at Cake and Petersburg Road.

Special Education routes run on main roads.

Notifications of “Main Roads Only” will be made through the use of the Honeywell system and media notification. The transportation department will do its best to keep pick up/drop off times as close to normal as possible.
Summ’ Players will have Petersburg residents “walking down the lane with a happy refrain” when they perform Singin’ in the Rain Jr. it was announced today by Drew Cohen, president of Music Theatre International (MTI). Based on the 1952 movie of the same name, Singin’ in the Rain Jr. takes place in Hollywood during the last days of the silent movie era. The story follows Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont, and the extreme measures taken when his co-star’s high-pitched and nasal voice threatens the duo’s successful transition into talking pictures.

Singin’ in the Rain Jr. is adapted from the classic Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film—named the #1 best movie musical of all time by the American Film Institute—by special arrangement with Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures, Inc. The show features a book by Betty Comden and Adolph Green and songs by Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed.

“Through their production, these students are learning about the golden era of musicals, a very important period in America’s cultural history. And while they are performing songs and a story that we know and love, they are also exploring some significant ideas including the different sides of celebrity, the importance of adapting to change, the various ways society categorizes success and the realities behind pursuing one’s dreams,” says Cohen.

In silent movies and in the tabloids, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are the perfect couple, but behind the scenes Lockwood has no feeling for his vapid co-star. Meanwhile, Lamont’s squeaky voice might be the end of the duo’s career in “talking pictures” without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her.

Summ’ Players will present the Broadway JR. production Singin’ in the Rain Jr. on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. Doors will open at Summerfield Jr./Sr. High School Cafetorium at 6:30 and curtain is at 7:30 p.m. The address for the school is 17555 Ida West Road, Petersburg, Michigan. Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors 62+. Advance ticket sales until March 14th may be purchased with debit/credit by visiting the Summ’ Player web page at www.summerfield.k12.mi.us or click here for access to the site. Seats are limited to 300 per show. For more information, please call or email Melanie Davis at davis@summerfield.k12.mi.us or 734-279-1035 ext. 124.

Director Melanie Davis commented on her cast stating “I am really pleased with the students’ willingness to try something new this year. If you think your child can’t tap dance….think again! Thanks to our wonderful choreographer, Abby Stanger, who introduced the students to some basic tap steps and helped a few of our students who had tap lessons as young children brush away the cobwebs from their old tap shoes. We’ll have your toe tapping, guaranteed!”

Cast members include: Ryan Puterbaugh, Don Lockwood; Fiona Vogt, Kathy Selden (Friday); Keslyn Cay.

Members: Mara Gonyer, Nikki Hunter, Malachi Reilly, Caitlynn Tipping, Dylan Diesing, and Josh Jensen.

Singin’ in the Rain Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 FAX: 212-397-4684 www.MTIShows.com.
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MON-FRI  1-5  SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL

MONDAY  8  SCHOOL RESUMES

WEDNESDAY  10  KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

MONDAY  15  BOARD MEETING  7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY  17  SPRING BAND CONCERT & AWARDS (GR. 5-12)  7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY  19  GOOD FRIDAY—NO SCHOOL

MONDAY  22  EASTER HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY  24  MEA ALL STARS AWARDS NIGHT

**Bulldog Band Boosters are putting on an All-U-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner Friday, March 15th —4:30-6:30**

$5 Presale (email robinsonw@summerfield.k12.mi.us) or $7 at the door.

Stay for the show, “Singin’ in the Rain JR” afterward.

[Click here](#) to purchase show tickets

$12 Adult/$8 Student or Senior 62+
Kindergarten Registration

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

Summerfield Elementary School will have Kindergarten Registration Day on Wednesday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for last names beginning with A-L, and from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. for last names beginning with M-Z.

Registration will be held in the elementary school library.

Tip: Beginning times are usually very crowded and will cause a back up with everyone arriving at the same time.

Recent legislation has CHANGED the entry age to enroll a child in kindergarten. For the 2019-2020 school year, your child must reach their 5th birthday on or before:

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

A State issued birth certificate (hospital certificates are not accepted), proof of residency (copy of driver’s license or utility bill), hearing and vision tests, and a record of immunization MUST be brought to the registration.

SEE YOU THERE!