

# Bond Construction Allows District Grade Restructuring

The bond construction at Beagle and Holbrook allow Grand Ledge Public Schools to start its district grade restructuring this fall for the 2021-2022 school year.

Holbrook, Delta Center, Wacousta, and Willow Ridge are now elementary schools for grades K-4, resulting in fewer students in the buildings. Kindergartners return to their neighborhood school, eliminating the transition to a new school after their first year.

Hayes is now an intermediate school for grades 5-6, providing flexibility in grouping students for instruction and affords opportunities for broader curriculum offerings. Students will begin to transition away from self-contained elementary methods of instruction to more departmentalized, secondary-school methods.

Beagle is now a middle school for grades 7-8. Its proximity to the high school creates a secondary school campus where both middle school and high school students can take advantage of broader curriculum offerings, student services, and extracurricular facilities.

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# Sinking Fund Renewal

The Grand Ledge Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution to place a Sinking Fund Millage Renewal question on the November 2nd ballot.



Voters will decide whether to renew the millage for three years at a rate of .7921 mills, which is just maintaining the current rate and is not an increase over the 2021 millage levy.

The Sinking Fund – also called the Capital Improvement Fund – was first approved by the voters in 2002 at a rate of 1.000 mills, and the community approved a renewal in 2011. Headlee reductions have lowered the tax rate over time to the current rate of .7921 mills. It has paid for school building improvements, roof replacements, HVAC maintenance, parking lot work, athletic facility upgrades, and more.

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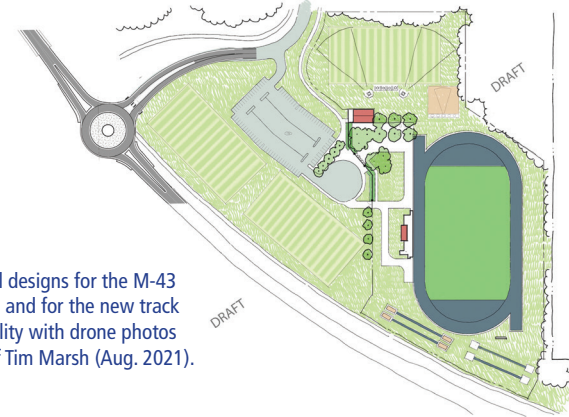
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Conceptual designs for the M-43 connection and for the new track & field facility with drone photos courtesy of Tim Marsh (Aug. 2021).

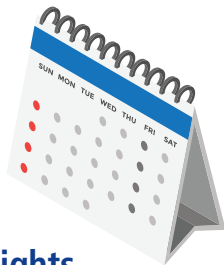


# Meet the New Superintendent

## Dr. Marcus Davenport Superintendent



On June 21, Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approved the contract for our new superintendent. Dr. Marcus Davenport began July 1 and shared, "It is my job to do the very best I can for all students in Grand Ledge Public Schools. That is my job, and that is my pledge to you." Dr. Davenport will guide Grand Ledge Public Schools with a child-centered, student-first approach to decision-making focused on all students. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with him from his tenure as Superintendent of Beecher Community Schools as well as his many years as a principal and teacher in Michigan and Georgia.



## Calendar Highlights

September 7, 2021 – First Day of School

November 24-26, 2021 – Thanksgiving Break

December 20-31, 2021 – Winter Break

March 28 - April 1, 2022 – Spring Break

June 15, 2022 – Last Day of School

Full calendar at [GLcomets.net/Calendar](http://GLcomets.net/Calendar)

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

### Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Grand Ledge Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records.

However, Grand Ledge Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated student directory information without written consent for yearbooks, honor rolls, sports activities, drama playbills, publications, and other media.

**If you do not want us to disclose your child's directory information, you must provide written notice each school year prior to 4:00 p.m. on September 30.**

Written notice can be sent to

**ATTN: D'Anne Golub  
Grand Ledge Public Schools  
220 Lamson Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837**

or via eMail to [GolubD@GLcomets.net](mailto:GolubD@GLcomets.net)

More information and written notice form at  
[GLcomets.net/FERPA](http://GLcomets.net/FERPA)



Don't let a good drop go bad!

Not all water pollution comes from big factories – it's also caused by little household chores.

Hosing off your driveway or sidewalk sends dirt, motor oil, fertilizer, and animal waste into our rivers and lakes – the very water we drink. So,

please sweep instead of hosing. Limit your fertilizer use and avoid applying it before a rainy day. Take care when changing your motor oil. Also, tidy up after your pets.

Wondering what to do with unused household and landscaping chemicals? Drop them off for free at the Ingham County Health Department.

Remember: anything that enters storm drains or ditches is headed straight for your local lake or river. No filters, no treatment. Your waterways are closer than you think!

To learn more about how Grand Ledge Public Schools is helping to protect our local streams, visit our Storm Water Management page on our website at [GLcomets.net/StormWater](http://GLcomets.net/StormWater).

## Integrated Pest Management Program

Grand Ledge Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **DOES NOT** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

**PLEASE NOTE** that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Operations Department at 517-925-5424.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first-class USPS mail postmarked at least three days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Operations Department at 517-925-5424. Please give your name, mailing address, phone number, and what school(s) your child or children attend, and they will put your name on the advance notification by USPS list.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the summer months, those parents who requested advance notice by mail will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods identified above.