The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFFE) will hold its 14th annual Spring Gala “Be the Beacon” on April 18, 2020. The evening will be filled with fun, fine food and fundraising, and brings together community members from all over the district to support our public schools.

The GPFFE is pleased to announce JT Mestdagh as the Honorary Chair for this year’s Gala. Inspired by the impact the Tatsum F.A.S.T. reading program had on his own reading skills, JT and his family led the effort to bring it to the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The integrated reading program has positively impacted over 4,000 students in the district and continues to empower students to read with confidence each day in our schools.

Gala proceeds allow the GPFFE to fund programs, call me, and know my door is always open to receiving ideas and suggestions. Nonprofit groups can effectively use the LEAP Grant Program to support their educational efforts. The grants were designed to support achievement and positive impact for all students.

Beverly Tatum, daughter of April 6, GPPSS will welcome Amanda Matheson as the new Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations. She comes to us from Ann Arbor Public Schools where she was Chief Financial Officer.

The insert in this newsletter shows how our community will keep students safe, warm, and connected. We are excited to share projects are coming in on time and under budget through careful oversight.

GPFFE awards 2019 fall grants
The GPFFE awarded 15 grants totaling $40,721 at the December 9, 2019 Board of Education meeting. The grants were submitted by teachers, administrators, students and parents across the district.

Two of the grants are literacy programs, and funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund, established in her memory and designated specifically for elementary programs within the school system. The GPFFE thanks the generous donors who make grant funding possible. To learn more or make a donation, visit gpffe.org or call 313-432-3058.

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Curriculum
What the bond insert doesn’t tell you, is that as all the discussions on reconfiguration have moved us forward, we have held constant in what matters to us all – the highest quality teaching and learning.

Through reconfiguration we are improving language instruction and adding time for social and emotional, organizational and STEM instruction at the middle school level, while easing the transition for students. We have adjusted the multi-age program, expanded early childhood options, reduced testing, focused elementary instruction on literacy and numeracy, and carefully considered options for placement of the same number of classrooms to deliver special education.

Census
Everyone Counts! GPFFE is partnering with the GP Chamber of Commerce to educate our community about the importance of being counted. To learn more, visit www.becountedmi2020.com.

Calendar Highlights
• April 6-10- Spring Break
• May 1- deadline for Kindergarten registration to guarantee your child’s neighborhood school
• June 3- North graduation
• June 4- South graduation
• June 12- Last Day of School

GPFPE Annual Spring Gala “Be the Beacon”
Saturday, April 18, 2020 | Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

14th Annual GPFPE Gala this Spring

The past few years have been a time of tremendous change, and change can be difficult. But it can also be exciting if we maintain a steadfast focus on our Why. Why does our community support bonds, sinking funds, and hold harmless millages? Because we value public education. Why have all our staff sacrificed and served to move the district forward – not only on curriculum and planning committees, but day in and day out in our schools? Because we value public education and what it offers all our children. Have the changes been difficult? Yes, because we love our schools and they have served us well for generations. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. We must continue to move forward. And great progress has been made in Construction, Curriculum and Culture to keep resources focused on students.

Culture, curriculum and construction
Culture
In everything we do, we want students, staff and families to feel safe and welcome in our schools. Work...
Every January, the GPPSS Board of Education holds elections for its officers. I am pleased to announce our officers for 2020: Vice President Kathleen Abke, Secretary Christopher Profeta, and Treasurer Judy Gafa. I am honored my colleagues have chosen me to serve as President.

One of our first responsibilities this year was to appoint a new board member to fill the vacancy when President Brian Summerfield resigned. We thank Mr. Summerfield for his steady leadership and dedication to our schools and community. And we were excited by the number of highly qualified candidates who offered to serve in this important role. Together we chose Joseph Herd.

Our board believes the quality of our public schools is intrinsically tied to the health of our community, and we are prepared to tackle the challenges the district faces and celebrate its many great accomplishments. I would be remiss if I didn’t point out the amazing teaching and learning that has continued throughout the last year of reconfiguration. Students are coming to school each day ready to be challenged. Test scores remain high and steady. Professional development has continued, even as teachers and support staff serve on committees with our community members to strengthen and enhance curriculum and programs. Our focus remains on what is right for kids.

The Board’s role in this process targets these key areas: hiring and evaluating our superintendent, establishing and maintaining a balanced budget, and setting policy that furthers the district’s vision and goals. Over the coming year, you will continue to see transparency in our budget development process, from establishing parameters as we did January 27th, to approving a balanced budget as we do each June. These are the budget parameters the board provided the administration:

1. Providing resources to achieve the action points identified in the District’s strategic plan;
2. Not participate in School of Choice;
3. With a greater focus on K-4, administration should seek to adjust elementary class sizes without increasing current class size caps
4. Offer expanded programming and options for grades 5-8
5. Expand early childhood program to the south end of the district
6. Maintain fund equity at 12% or above

Regarding bond planning and oversight, there is a concise yet comprehensive update on activities inserted as a pull-out in this newsletter. I encourage you to read it, share it with friends, and email us with any questions at schoolboard@gpschools.org.

I have every confidence our community will come together to ensure every student has the learning environment they need to be successful today and in the future.

- Margaret Weertz, President

**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**

**Board Meetings**

These open meetings start at 7 p.m., and are held in the Brownell Middle School Multipurpose Room, 260 Chalffonte, unless noted. Dates are:

- March 9, 23
- April 13, 27
- May 11, 18
- June 8 (location TBD), 22
- July 13, 27
- August 10, 24
- September 14, 28
- October 12, 26
- November 9, 23
- December 14

* off pattern to avoid holiday

**2020 Board of Education**

President Margaret Weertz
Vice President Kathleen Abke
Secretary Christopher Profeta
Treasurer Judy Gafa
Trustee Joseph Herd
Trustee Dr. Christopher Lee
Trustee Cindy Pangborn

Free admission to various athletic functions and dramatic and musical productions is our way of thanking local senior citizens for the support they have provided the school system. If you are 60 years of age or older, a resident of the district, and wish to obtain a Gold Card, please call 313/432-3003. Fall events will be published in our next district newsletter. Copies of the calendar are available at the Board Office, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, as well as at the public libraries and The Helm. Events are subject to change; please check our website for the latest information.

**Date** | **Time** | **Event** | **Location**
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3/6 | 7:00 PM | North Drama “Theatre for the Young” | Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier
3/7 | 7:00 PM | North Drama “Theatre for the Young” | Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier
3/9 | 7:00 PM | Pierce Vocal Pre-Festival Concert | Pierce Auditorium, 15430 Kercheval
3/25 | 7:00 PM | South Art Show - Awards Night Friday 7 p.m. | Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-3:30, 5-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
4/1 | 7:00 PM | Brownell Vocal Charity Concert | Brownell MPR, 260 Chalffonte
4/2-25 | 7:00 PM | South Spring Musical “Crazy for You” | Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier
5/6 | 7:00 PM | Pierce Spring Instrumental Concert | Pierce Auditorium, 15430 Kercheval
5/7-8 | 7:00 PM | Parcels Musical “Moana, Jr.” | Parcels Auditorium, 20600 Mack
5/12 | 7:00 PM | Brownell Spring Vocal Concert | Brownell MPR, 260 Chalffonte
5/13 | 6:00 PM | Middle School Honors Band Concert | Brownell MPR, 260 Chalffonte
5/13 | 7:30 PM | Middle School Honors Orchestra Concert | Brownell MPR, 260 Chalffonte
5/14 | 7:00 PM | Brownell Spring Instrumental Concert | Brownell MPR, 260 Chalffonte
5/14, 15, 18, 19 | 7:00 PM | North Art Show - 5/14 5-9 p.m., 5/15, 5/18, 5/19 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. | Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier
5/14 & 15 | 7:00 PM | North Vocal Spring Concert | Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier
5/21 | 7:00 PM | South Instrumental Spring Concert | Brownell MPR, 260 Chalffonte
5/21 | 7:00 PM | North Drama One Acts | Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier
5/29 & 30 | 7:00 PM | South Choirs “Broadway” Concert | Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier
6/3 | 7:00 PM | Pierce Spring Vocal Concert | Parcels Auditorium, 15430 Kercheval
6/4 | 7:00 PM | Parcels Spring Vocal Concert | Parcels Auditorium, 20600 Mack
6/8 | 7:00 PM | Parcels Instrumental Concert/Ice Cream Social | Parcels Auditorium, 20600 Mack
6/9 | 7:00 PM | South Tri-M Concert | South Auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

Elementary concerts are posted on the district website www.gpschools.org - click Calendar - Performing Arts.
2018 Bond Program Overview

$111,040,000 Voter-Approved Bond (November 6, 2018)

Why now?
- Strong economy with favorable interest rates
- Facilities have an average age of 78 years
- Safety and security enhancements
- Addresses facilities critical needs: roofs, mechanical systems and finishes
- Technology infrastructure and instructional technology for classrooms
- Reduction of energy costs through upgrades
- Increases community school building longevity

Proposed Bond Program Phasing

2019 Projects:
- South High School Track Replacement
- South High School Secured Vestibule
- Parcells MS Pool Equipment Replacement

2020 Projects:
- South High School Phase 1
- Parcells Middle School
- Defer Elementary School
- Ferry Elementary School
- Montebeth Elementary School

2021 Projects:
- South High School Phase 2
- North High School Phase 1
- Brownell Middle School
- Richard Elementary School
- Maire Elementary School

2022 Projects:
- North High School Phase 2
- Pierce Middle School
- Kerby Elementary School
- Mason Elementary School
- Barnes Pre-K

Notable Bond Project Items

- Development of District-wide standards for materials and mechanical systems
- Evaluate and define project scope for each building based on bond team input
- Periodic Bond Oversight Committee Meetings
- Monthly Board of Education Facilities Meeting Updates
- Manage design to the budget and commit to schedules
- Managed 2019 construction projects to the budget and schedule
- 85% expenditure for Bond Series 1 within 3 years
- Decreased bid coverage due to labor shortage
- Tariff increase impact on materials
- High construction cost index
- State plan review and approval timeline
- Local first responder document review for Ferry, Montebeth, Parcells and GP South

Bond Budgets per Building Type

- High School: 37%
- Middle Schools: 37%
- Elementary Schools: 22%
- Misc. Buildings: 5%

Bond Budget Breakdown

- Site: 4%
- Building Envelope
  - Interior: 20%
  - MEP Systems: 2%
- Security: 6%
- Technology: 15%
- Soft Costs & Contingencies: 37%

Project Summary – February 5, 2020

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SD = Schematic Design
DD = Design Development
CD = Construction Document
CM = Construction Manager

GMP = Guaranteed Maximum Price
MEP = Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing

Tasks:
- Prepare CD drawings
- Tumor CD review
- Bid document prep and issue
- GMP preparation
- Board of Education GMP recomm.
- Board of Education GMP approval
- Construction

Start Dates:
10/18/19
1/26/20
5/5/20
8/13/20
11/21/20
3/1/21
6/9/21
Value-Add Items

- GP South Secured Vestibule project opened on time and under budget. Additional savings to be approximately $30,000.
- Mother’s Club contributed to GP South Secured Vestibule project.
- Parcells Pool Project was opened on time and under budget. Additional savings to be approximately $40,000.
- Issued Move Management RFP. Negotiated Move Management contract. 2020 Projects are currently $72,000 under budget.
- Issued Roofing RFP for 5 buildings. Currently $371,000 under budget. Work scope includes entire roof replacement at Defer ES.
- District obtained 30 year roofs instead of 20 year for only a 3% cost increase.
- Shared cost for Parcells parking lot expansion with Grosse Pointe Library.
- Updated District wide roof condition reports provided by Spalding DeDecker including short and long term replacement plan.
- Completed first quarter 2020 bond accounting meeting and cash flow updates.
- Under budget bid totals for first (2) 2020 building projects.

Current and Future Activities

FEBRUARY 2020 Activities:
- Defer and Ferry Elementary School bids (1-31-20)
- Montieth, Parcells and GP South School bids (2-14-20)
- Defer and Ferry Elementary School GMP recommendation to be presented to the Board of Education
- Move Manager recommendation for 2020 projects to be presented to the Board of Education
- Roofing Contractor recommendation for 2020 projects to be presented to the Board of Education
- IT Cabling/AV Equipment recommendation to be presented to the Board of Education
- IT Wireless vendor recommendation to be presented to the Board of Education
- Montieth, Parcells, GP South GMP recommendation to be presented to the Board of Education
- Project material expediting for 2020 projects
- Mobilization planning
- Move management information sessions with each school being renovated in 2020

MARCH 2020 Activities:
- Defer and Ferry Elementary School GMP to receive Board of Education approval
- IT Cabling/AV Equipment recommendation to receive Board of Education approval
- IT Wireless vendor recommendation to receive Board of Education approval
- Montieth, Parcells, GP South GMP recommendation to be presented to the Board of Education
- Project material expediting for 2020 projects
- Mobilization planning
- Move management information sessions with each school being renovated in 2020

APRIL 2020 Activities:
- Montieth, Parcells, GP South GMP recommendation to receive Board of Education approval
- IT P/A & Clocks vendor recommendation to Board of Education
- IT Security Cameras and Door Access vendor recommendation to the Board of Education
- Early start abatement work at select 2020 projects during spring break
- Planning and Programming for 2021 Projects begins

Photos – GP South Secured Vestibule & Parcells Pool Projects