

March 2, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On March 1, the Board of Education approved the repurposing of Turrill Elementary as a Year-Round Elementary School as part of a comprehensive district-wide restructuring plan. As part of the plan, two elementary buildings (Seaton and Maple Grove) also have been slated for closure at the end of the school year.

As a result of these changes, in mid-April new elementary attendance boundaries will be created and mailed directly to every elementary family in the District. To be clear, this means that the school your child(ren) is (are) currently attending may be changing.



- The only exception is that regardless of where new attendance boundaries lie, 4th grade students and their siblings will be allowed to remain in the building they currently attend. However, transportation will not be provided for 4th grade students and their siblings who remain in their current building but do not reside in the new attendance area.
- An elementary school of choice window will also be opened when new attendance boundaries are determined. All students who currently attend an LCS building through a schools of choice program will need to re-apply at that time.
- Previously approved out-of-district students will remain approved to the Lapeer District but will need to apply for specific building assignment. Applications will be due no later than April 27.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to attend the Year-Round School at Turrill Elementary, you must complete and return the enclosed application by March 16. If the number of applicants exceeds the building capacity, a lottery system will be used to select students who will attend.

All parents will be notified of the status of applications the week of March 26.

The Year-Round School, starting August 1, will operate on a balanced academic calendar. Transportation will be provided for all students attending the Year-Round School. The benefits of a balanced calendar, including the closing of the "summer gap" in student retention, have been well-established through numerous studies. For Lapeer Community Schools, this new approach represents an option to families in the District.

If you have not participated in our focus panels, informational meetings, or town hall forums, you still have the opportunity to learn more about Year-Round School. Visit the District's website at LapeerSchools.org and click "Transitions for Tomorrow." There you will find all our strategic planning information including Year-Round brochures, a sample calendar and Q & A documents.

If you would like to visit Turrill Elementary, please contact the main office at (810) 667-2438.

In addition to the changes previously described, for Fall 2012 we will implement a full, five-day Kindergarten program. Parents may register for Kindergarten at Round-up on April 17-18 at the Administration & Services Center from 1-7 p.m. on both days. Kindergarten students will be able to apply for Year-Round School at that time.

As a community, we are excited to be able to offer these new opportunities to elementary families across the District.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Wandrie
Superintendent

**Lapeer Community Schools
2012-2013 Year-Round School Application
Deadline – Friday, March 16, 2012 @ 4 PM**



Parent First Name: _____

Parent Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Are you a resident of Lapeer Community Schools? Yes No

In order to effectively plan for anticipated transportation and child care needs, please respond to the following two questions. Your responses will be used to assess our needs only and will NOT commit you to these programs.

1. Will your child(ren) need district transportation to Turrill? Yes No

If "yes" will they need To school only Home after school only Both

2. Will your child(ren) need before/after school care? Yes No

If "yes" will you need Before school only After school only Both

| Child's First and Last Name | Birth Date Mo/day/year | Current School Attending | Grade in Fall of 2012 |
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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form can be turned in any of the following ways:

- Any elementary school office
- Faxed to 810-538-1654
- Mailed or delivered to Lapeer Community Schools, Attn: Superintendent's Office, 250 Second Street, Lapeer, MI 48446

Notification to all Year-Round School applicants will be mailed the week of March 26, 2012.

Office use only

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