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From The Superintendent Jeff Manthei Leslie Public

Safe Water

Due to the recent events with the Flint water problems, the City of Leslie and Leslie Public Schools have been working together to ensure our children, staff, and the school district have the quality drinking water they have been accustomed to.

The City of Leslie and the Leslie School District have tested water samples from both the elementary and middle school building drinking fountains to guarantee the safety of our students and staff.

All of our water samples have tested negative for high levels of lead. The high school was built after the lead-free laws went into effect (which means no lead products were used during the building process of the high school). The water going to all buildings was sampled by the City of Leslie and tested negative for high levels of lead.



Maintaining Our Facilities Wisely

The community of Leslie is very fortunate to have three functional and well maintained school buildings. The maintenance department of Leslie Public Schools takes a great deal of pride in keeping the school facilities in the best possible condition. However, no amount of pro-active maintenance stops the effects of weather, time and use on buildings and grounds.

If you have visited Leslie High School lately, you may have noticed the condition of the parking lots and driveways. The pavement is breaking up and creating potholes in the heavily traveled areas. This is the result of years of use and the impact of Michigan winters. As a result, in the next couple of years, major repairs will need to be made to the parking lots.

Also, several roofs will need to be replaced in the next year or two. At Woodworth Elementary School the west side of the north wing is over 30 years old. Weather and age has taken a toll on the roof. It has held up exceptionally well but will soon need to be replaced. Soon the high school roof will need to be replaced as well.

The drop-off area at Woodworth is a major safety concern for our elementary students. Anyone who drops off a student in the morning understands this issue. The safety of our students is of the utmost importance. The drop-off area and parking for staff and parents will need to be addressed in the near future.

A few other safety/security issues we hope to be able to address soon:

- Updating camera systems
- Creating visible entry ways at Leslie Middle School and Woodworth Elementary School
- Fixing the condition of facilities, such as the tennis courts, track, and soccer field

As always, we continue to be diligent in our spending of funds allocated to maintaining our facilities.

Leslie Public Schools applied for a Safety Grant offered by the Michigan State Police Department last winter. The district filled out the grant application with a proposal of our safety equipment needs and the budget required to implement them. The department had a total of \$5 million to award to school districts and police departments across the state.

Our district was one of only eight Ingham County School Districts awarded money from the grant pool. Leslie Public Schools received \$72,567.00, the second largest amount awarded in Ingham County.



Our maintenance department facilitated the installation of all our new safety equipment over the summer. We used the funds to install a new PA system at Woodworth Elementary and Leslie Middle School. The middle school also received a new bell system. Additionally, the district was able to install a new phone system, which includes a telephone in every classroom. The biggest change for students, parents and staff was the installation of a new limited access security system in all three schools that includes a buzzer at each main entrance. Visitors to our buildings must be buzzed in during school hours each day. We have been very appreciative of the community's patience with us as we transition to the use of our new system. Leslie Public Schools is appreciative of the support from the Michigan State Police and proud to be chosen as a grant recipient which has enabled us to provide better security and safety for all our students.

WOODWORTH ELEMENTARY

WINTER 2016



Jim Dell Principal Woodworth Elementary School

Kindergarten Round-Up Dates

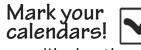
Wednesday, April 27 9:30 or 12:45

Thursday, April 28 9:30 or 12:45

Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they turn five on or before Sept.1, 2016. If your child is turning five after September 1 and before December 1, and you would like him or her to enter kindergarten, please make a formal written request addressed to the principal and return it with the registration form.

Your child will receive a Leslie Blackhawks drawstring bag when you bring him or her to Round-Up.

Registration information can be found at www.lesliek12.net or 517-589-5151.



Woodworth Elementary School April 27 & 28 - Kindergarten Round-up

The Culpepper and Meriweather Circus is coming to Leslie

Wednesday, June 22, 2016! Posy Designs and the Leslie Area Chamber of Commerce are donating tickets for at risk students from Preschool age to 6th grade through an application process. Watch for Circus information at:

www.LeslieAreaChamber.com.





Sparty kicked off March is Reading Month at Woodworth Elementary School. He sat down and asked a student to read to him. The slogan for the month was "Shoot for Success" and had a March Madness basketball theme. Sparty's visit was made possible by a generous donation from Woodworth parents Eric and Shanna Messner.

Literacy Fun

Over 100 students and family members joined several Woodworth teachers for a fun night of literacy programming. The audience enjoyed several different presentations from teachers who demonstrated the building blocks of literacy. The teachers were entertaining and included audience participation in the program. Parents were informed of many different ways that they can help improve their children's reading skills to keep them strong and successful in literacy.

Welcome Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Amy Johnson joined the preschool staff at the beginning of the school year as a lead teacher. She is a Leslie High School graduate and comes to the GSRP preschool team with several years of experience teaching preschool students.





Welcome Mrs. Forslund

We would like to introduce Mrs. Kerianne Forslund. Mrs. Forslund is our new music teacher this year at Woodworth Elementary. Mrs. Lewis changed positions to work with students at the middle and high schools after 28 years of teaching music at Woodworth. Mrs. Forslund is an enthusiastic teacher who has done very well with our students. She is continuing the tradition of putting together excellent music performances for the public at each grade level.

Thank You Independent Bank

Woodworth Elementary School received \$5000 from Independent Bank after being entered into a contest by Woodworth parent, Michelle Croope. The funds will be used to purchase educational materials for the school.



March is Reading Month!

LESLIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Leslie Middle School Goes Viral

Leslie Middle School set up a Facebook page to share the good news and activities going on in our school. We are nearing 500 followers, and many of our posts have exceeded over 1000 "likes." One even had over 4500 "likes" and shares. Please "like" and follow us to keep up on everything happening at LMS!



Carol Franz Principal Leslie Middle School



Leslie Middle School Dodgeball Tournament By Rachel Craddock

On Friday March 4, Leslie Middle School held its first ever dodgeball tournament fundraiser! The event was a huge success! Over 50 students participated to raise funds for the Leslie Pink Hawk Project as well as the purchase of new gym equipment for LMS! Some students played in honor of a friend or family member who fought cancer or chronic illness. Students put together a very touching tribute to share the names of their loved ones. Thank you to everyone who played! We look forward to making this an annual event!



Leslie Middle School Newscast

By Riley Fogg

The Leslie Middle School G.A.T.E. (Gifted and Talented Education) Prime Time Class started producing a bi-weekly newscast. We release a video every couple weeks on Fridays. Our news crew covers everything from girls' and boys' basketball to the Adopt-A-Family Project to our preschoolers! Twenty middle school students form a team of anchors, camera operators, sports writers, meteorologists, and editors. Look for our broadcasts on Leslie Middle School's Facebook page or in the daily email middle school announcements!





On Friday, March 11, over 80 middle school students joined forces to try to beat the staff in the annual LMS Student vs. Staff Basketball Game. The students played hard, worked together, and made some amazing shots! However, it just was not enough to beat the talented middle school staff. Thank you to the Student Council members, who organized the event, and to the parent volunteers who helped out!



April 15 - Dance/Activity Night April 21 - Family Math Night May 17 - Choir Concert May 19 - Band Concert May 20 - Olympic Day May 26 - After School Activity June 3 - Reward Day June 10 - 8th Grade Graduation

LESLIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2nd TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL 2015-16 *Denotes all A's

5th Grade Audrey Allard, Reese Armstrong, Jayde Arnett*, Hunter Back, Grace Barnett, Madelyn Beller*, Alayna Berry, Savanna Bliven*, Payton Boyer*, Austin Brown*, Ella Bugbee*, Tyler Burley*, Brianna Carlson*, Benjamin Casper*, Logan Caudill, Madelyn Chamberlain*, Bronson Clayton Jr, Jaelynn Colby, Kassy Cole*, Kaleb Cox, Siouxandra Cruz, Maddox D'Lamater*, Marilyn Driksna, Sara Fedewa*, Kailyn Friese, Shelby Frye, Kelsey Garner*, Ashton Gauthier*, Aidan Hills, David Hughes*, Skyler Jefferson, Cameran Johnson, Ethan Kaimon, Mallory Kintigh*, Kathryn LaFeve*, Jordyn LaGoe*, Kevin Lamb, Harmony Latoski, Kyra Lee*, Jazmin Loveless*, Ethan Lubahn*, Naomi Mangles*, Zackery Marciniak, Megan Maynard*, Ethan Moore, Myah Muscott*, Lilyanne Nash, William Niblock, Charles Osborne, Jayda Osborne, Noah Oxbrough, Annabelle Packer*, Jared Peck*, Cameron Pierce, Alexa Plenda*, Briana Quinn, Iris Robinson*, Derrick Ryan, Josie Sheathelm, Domynik Skaggs, Max Slough, Ryder Smieska, Samantha Smith, Samantha Snider, Jayden Soles*, Rory Spencer*, Sarah Sterle*, Mason Tow, Malory Valdez, Zachary Vickers, Devin Waltz, Sage Wymer*

6th Grade Adriana Blanford*, Aidan Borst, James Brininstool, Jakob Bugbee, Benjamin Burgess*, Jennifer Bushey*, Dana Coltrain*, Christian Cope*, Lauryn Demaray, Hunter Doyle, Connor DuBose*, Carlee Evans, Ashton Evans-Sperry*, Jonathan Garfield-Gray, Aubrey Gilman, Grace Hardesty, Tyler Hile, Molly Klemmer*, Isabel Krabel*, Alexander Lamb, Peyton Malady, Lilly May, Kaseby McClure*, Taylor Mishler, Cecilia Morrison*, Aaron Norton*, Samantha Orrin, Garret Penix-Bedell, Andrea Pettis, Alexis Robinette, Avery Schuen, Richard Schultz, Steed Scutt, Desirae Skaggs, Emma Smieska*, Alexia Sparks*, Blake Stofer*, Paige Thompkins*, David Whitehead, Aubrie Yager, Katherine Young

<u>7th Grade</u> Abigail Ball, Maximus Booth, Sarah Burgess*, Oliver Bush-Corr, Delaney Cardwell, Hunter Carte*, Jahayza Choat*, Mariah Clark*, Adriana Clayton, Brandon Clesse, Carter Coltrain, John Cranmore, Nathan Davis*, Lydia Denczek*, Kalex Dodge*, Tommi Fedewa*, Tristan Feighner, Paige Filice*, Nathan Foltz*, Kalab Gauthier*, Alexander Hultberg*, Kyleigh Huntoon, Ashlee Isaac, Ashlyn Johnson, Hali Kailing, Sylvie Kandell, Kyla Kralapp*, Alexis Kujala*, Chase Lewis*, Garrett Mays*, Brandon McCrum*, Lucas McDaniel, Kyle Medcoff*, Carson Middaugh, Lucas Mooney, Joseph Nagel*, Kenzeck Oxbrough, Andrea Piper*, Chantel Ries, Cannon Risner, Ariel Robinette, Lily Robinson*, Ayden Rutan, Ayron Rutan*, Brett Shuster, Jesse Sparks*, Emma Stokes*, Rayne Thornsberry, Katrina Walter, Gabe Weber*, Gavin Weber*, Grant Weber*, Sarah Wilkinson*, Cody Williams

<u>8th Grade</u> Alicia Arnett*, Nathan Beachey, Jarrett Brown*, Caroline Bushey, Lukas Carlson*, Jackson Casper, Nathaniel Courtney, Madison Craddock, John DeBruler, Ethan Fehrenbach, William Fulmerhouser, Karlie Harrell, Savannah Huss, Ashley LaFeve, Mari Lamb, Michael Maynard*, Marissa Orrin, Nicole Scott, Dakota Scutt, Parker Secord-Cripe*, Elizabeth Sherfinski, Camille Shuster, Trenton Sibson, Gabrielle Sixberry, Mackenzie Stevens, Macy Stevenson, Dallas Torres

Vocal Music Teacher of the Year

Rebecca Scofield was recently named the 2016 Michigan School Vocal Music Association Teacher of the Year!! This recognition honors her lifetime dedication to pursuing excellence in vocal music education. This prestigious award exemplifies the best teachers and advocates in arts education. The Executive Director for the MSVMA said, "Rebecca Scofield is being honored for her support for arts programs, her dedication to bringing out the best in her students and her steadfast commitment to artistic excellence."

Mr. Powers thanked Rebecca for her commitment to excellence and said, "she exemplifies the professionalism of all the teachers at Leslie High School."





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9th Grade Shaun Burgan, Elizabeth Burgess*, Emmaleigh Centeno, Thomas Coltrain, Shaylee Connelly, Ellen Coppernoll, Edward Cruz, Graci Dack*, Drew DeBruler*, Mason DeBruler*, Robert Ellis*, Amaya Fox, Stephen Fuller, Tyler Garner, Josie Heintz*, Felicite Holley, Taylor Hubbard, Kearah Johnson, Toria Jones, Simon Kailing*, Scott Kanik, Katliyn King, Grace Klemmer*, Alexandra LaLone, Madison Largen, Luke Lasky, Marcus Losey, Ashtin McCalla*, Garrett McGuirt*, Britney Medcoff*, Madison Montgomery*, Hunter Montroy*, Noelle-Marie Mwangi, Cole Oliver, Sarah Parks, Jacob Rector, Nicole Roback, Jolan Robinson*, Solina Robles*, Justice Rosier, Cheyann Scutt*, Anthony Smieska, Elyssa Starnes, Corey Swan, Amiah Vickers, Grant Walker, Phoebe Walter, Trevor Willard, Hailey Wilson*, Shannon Winright

10th Grade Kimberley Angeles, Carter Arnett, Hunter Arnett*, Julia Benavides*, Jordan Berlin, Jade Brown-Santana, Stefan Carlson*, Jaycee Chappell, Jenna Chappell*, Jacob Chmiel, Zachary Coltrain, Shane Connelly, Charlie Conner, Emily Corts*, Brian Cox, Dakotah Daniels, Jessica Dunsmore, Michael Eaton*, Gunner Fogg, Lyza Foltz, Alexander Garman*, Devin Gibbs, Zachary Hanson-Chesney*, Dalton Harrison, Daniel Haught, Haeden Heibel*, Nicklaus Henman, Chase Hensley*, Keely Herrick*, Taylor Hetherington, Kerstin Hills, Ashley Hoskins*, Brooke James*, Charlotte-Ann Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Skylar Johnson, Haily Kamradt, Megan Kelley, Cristin Kimbrell, Elaina Kimbrell*, Lindsey Kincaid, Shelby Knauff, Jeffery Lamb, Brooke Leinbaugh*, Ethan Loch*, Hailee Loch*, Cheyenne Maier, Elizabeth Maiville*, Danielle McMullen, Joseph Millikin, Jacob Mohr, Justin Monroe, Daniel Moulton*, Ryan Nagel*, Ajay Oliver, Annousack Phraxayavong, Cassey Place, Aurora Rangler*, Francis Ratliff, Nicole Rugg, Parker Schiller, Ethan Schuen, Mitchell Seavolt*, Hannah Sheathelm*, Britney Sibson, Shauna Smith, Madison Snow, Devrik Sonnenberg, Neil Stone, Cassandra Upton, Azlynn Warner, Sarah Williams, Rachel Wiltse*

<u>11th Grade</u> Bailey Akers, Mia Arkles, Camden Austin, Tyler Ball*, Kyle Beachey*, Majel Berry, Breanna Blackford, Tyrone Bronte, Kyler Corts, Jonathan Courtney*, Samantha Courtright*, Brooke Cowing, Bailey Craddock, Mackenzie Drumheller, Libby Filice*, Amanda Fitts*, Rachel Gilliland, Samanthia Hampton*, Chloe Hanson, Aubrie Harrison, Katie Haydo*, Kirk Haydo, Ryan Howland, Madison Jacob*, Chase Kakaley, Justine Kassab, David Latter, Sydney Leatherberry*, Taylor Losey*, Autumn Martin*, Sierra McDiarmid, Paige Melvin*, Spencer Napier, James Nichols*, Holly Olfier*, Thomas Peterson, Austin Pier, Brittany Pierce*, Cameron Pohl*, Zachary Robinson, Molly Robles*, Jessie Ruiz, Robert Ruttan, Rachel Scott*, Alyssa Sebesky*, Tristan Streeter, Phillip Stuart*, Austin Talbot, Jamie Teske, Abigail Tiffany*, Emily Tiffany, Victoria Tobin, Trey Waldofsky, Emma Wilkinson, Nathan Wilkinson, Emily Wilson

12th Grade Nicole Anderson, Juliana Berry*, Josiah Bigg, Tyler Blanchard*, Morgan Bogart*, Zachary Boller, Amber Brenton, Brendon Brown*, Sarah Brownlee, Sapphire Carian*, Victoria Centeno, Braiden Chappell, Lisa Charles, Carissa Courtney, Haley Dack, Kyle Danko, Troy Davis, Chloe DeBruler, Samu Elovirta, Kelsey Every*, Savanna Falls, Kaylee Fedewa, Sofia Haegerstroem, Kyle Harrell*, Mei Hatakeyama, Faith Hawver-King, Greyson Heibel, Jacob Hicks, Aaron Hosler, Taylor Isaac, Kylee Isham, Kylie James*, Lenard Kaiser, Autumn Kassab, Leigha Kobus, Joseph Lasky, Zachary Latter*, Quintin Lee, Hunter Lewis, Katherine Maiville*, Garrett McCalla, Cassidy McGhee, Kendra Monroe*, Emily Mooney*, AnnJel Moore, Micquella Mwangi*, Chollada Neantasard, Caleb Neff, Carey Nichols, Kaitlyn Ostrander, Dakota Pier, Allen Pranshka, Danielle Roback*, Mackenzie Rugg, Maximilian Schafer*, Grant Schuen, Lucille Sears, Presley Seavolt, Sierra Simmons, Emily Smart, Jacob Stanley, Jarred Stanley, Justin Stanley, Samantha Taylor*, Conner Tomanica, Alexa Wiljanen*, Lindsey Willett

**The following students were omitted from the 12th grade 1st Trimester Honor Roll due to virtual course completion dates: Presley Seavolt and Nicole Anderson

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin

LESLIE HIGH SCHOOL

WINTER 2016



Scott Powers Principal Leslie High School

Thank You Students and Staff

I want to take this public opportunity to thank the hard working students and staff here at Leslie High School. We have so many cool things happening. Mr. Greenwood took the drum line to the Pistons game and performed at halftime. Ms. Barbosa organized trips to colleges for juniors and seniors. Mrs. Desmarais, Mr. Bondsteel, and the Student Council organized the Drug Forum which was a huge success. Mrs. Lewis and her chorale received an excellent rating. At Solo and Ensemble, the Select 9/10 and Select 11/12 received superior ratings. Mr. Stineman's class made Michigan Adirondack chairs which they sold as a fundraiser. Mrs. Scofield, the cast, and crew of Charlotte's Web put together a humorous and moving production. Thank you students for participating and giving your all, and thank you staff for bringing so many opportunities to our community!



Drum Line Rocks The Palace

The LHS winter drum line was at it again this year! After last year's stellar performance, the Palace of Auburn Hills invited the ensemble back for the second year in a row.

On February 8, 2016, the group, led by band director Mr. Greenwood, traveled to Detroit and performed at the Pistons halftime show. Students also performed during the winter homecoming pep assembly and received roaring applause from students and staff.



This year's drum line performance centered on the theme of "X Marks the Spot", featuring an "X" shape in both the group's set up and choreography. The performance included a modern, electronic sound and special effects like fog, intense lighting, and even a guitar solo by sophomore Shane Connelly!



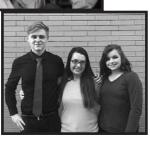
Winter Formal 2016



Charlotte's Web

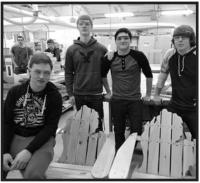












Shop Class Creates Michigan Adirondack Chairs

State Honors Choir

EVENTS PAST & FUTURE

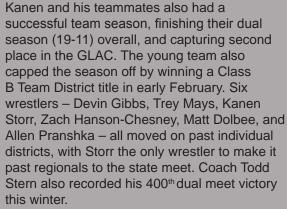
Blackhawk Winter Sports Review

The 2015-16 Leslie winter sports had many teams do very well this season. Overall, the winter sports teams won three GLAC league titles, one district title, and an individual state champion.

The lead story this winter had to be Kanen Storr becoming the first Blackhawk in school history to win three individual state wrestling titles. Kanen cruised through the 145 lb. weight class to win his third title. He also finished the season undefeated (58-0), the second time in his career to do so. He surpassed his brother Zehlin in career wins finishing with 227, and also destroyed the state and school record for total takedowns. The future Iowa State Cyclone will surely be garnering many more awards which have not been announced at press time.

Wrestling - MHSAA Team District Champions







Boys Basketball - GLAC Champions

The boys varsity basketball team completed one of the best seasons in Leslie basketball history by winning the first league title in a decade. The Hawks finished the season (20-3), which included a 17 game winning streak during the regular season. Jordan Pearsall, Zach Latter, and Dylan Patton all earned All-Conference honors. Patton also destroyed all the school shot block records. The junior varsity boys team had a very successful season as well, finishing (14-6) overall, while the freshmen boys battled to a (7-11) record.

The boys and girls bowling teams finished successful campaigns, both winning GLAC titles this winter, and finishing undefeated in league matches. That was the second title in a row for the boys. Both teams placed 5th at regionals, barely missing out on qualifying as a team for the team state competition. Jon Sherman was the only individual to qualify for the state meet, where he finished 47th. Andrew Richard, Austin Pier, Davey Latter, Ashley Hoskins, and Kerstin Hills were 1st team All-Conference selections.



Kanen Storr 3-Time State Champ



June 4 – MHSAA Baseball/Softball Districts June 11 – MHSAA Baseball/Softball Regionals



Girls Bowling - GLAC Champions



Boys Bowling - GLAC Champions

The girls varsity competitive cheer team also had a successful season. The girls won two invitational competitions during their season. After a slow start in league competition, the team came on strong with a lot of hard work and finished in 3rd place in the league. The Academic All-State Team capped their season by finishing 5th at districts, missing out on qualifying for regionals by less than one point. Lisa Charles and Katherine Maiville were chosen 1st team All-Conference selections. The junior varsity team finished their season a strong second, almost overtaking Lakewood.

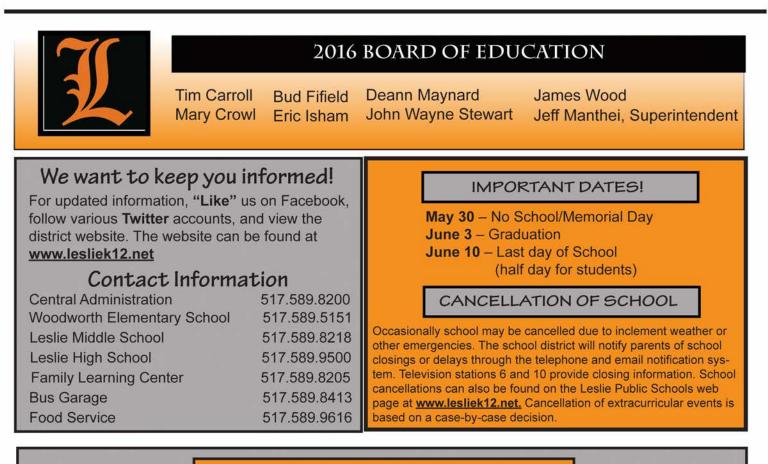
The girls varsity basketball team went through a rebuilding year after graduating most of the team from a year ago. The very young team with only two seniors struggled through injuries and inexperience, but showed improvement throughout the season, finishing with a (6-15) record. The junior varsity girls basketball team, also very young, finished their season with a (9-11) record.

It was a very successful winter sports season for Leslie High School. We congratulate our athletes and coaches on all the accomplishments this year, and look forward to another strong winter season next school year.

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FOUR SEATS EXPIRE IN 2016

The Regular School Board election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The last day for filing nominating petitions for candidates is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016. Four (4) four-year terms expire this year. Nominating petitions are available from the Leslie Township Clerk, 4279 Oak Street, Leslie, Michigan. Interested citizens may pick up petitions Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of circulating a petition, a candidate may choose to pay a \$100.00 filing fee. Petitions or the \$100.00 fee must be filed with Sherry Feazel, Leslie Township Clerk, by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016. Any candidate who wishes to run for the School Board as a "write-in" candidate must file a "Declaration of Intent" with Sherry Feazel, Leslie Township Clerk, on or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2016.

If you have any questions about the Board of Education vacancies, please call the Superintendent's Office at 589-8200, ext. 101.