



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

FALL 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL EDITION OF THE NORTHVIEW NEWS

YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY-WIDE END-OF-RENOVATION CELEBRATION!

Bring the whole family to celebrate the completion of our 2020 bond projects!

WHEN: September 29, 2022

TIME: 5:00–7:00 pm

WHERE: West Oakview, North Oakview, Highlands,
Crossroads and Northview High School PAC



Students, families, and community members are invited to join us for open houses at West Oakview, North Oakview, Highlands, Crossroads and the Northview High School Performing Arts Center to celebrate the successful completion of major renovation projects! Enjoy some refreshments as you

tour the facilities, visit classrooms, and explore our new playgrounds. Northview staff and administrators will be on hand to provide guided tours and fill you in on the details of the improvements that your approval of the 2020 bond proposal provided for our students.

Dear Families, Community Members, Staff and Students,



All of us have childhood memories that we will never forget. One of my unforgettable childhood memories is about a punch bowl and a large gathering of adults.

I was around nine years old when my parents brought me to an anniversary party. The couple celebrating were

friends of my dad from high school. We did not see them very often, but whenever we did, my mom always reminded me to be careful in their house because they were “wealthy.”

The only memory I have from this party, and one that I will never forget, is going to the punch bowl. Being a fan of Sprite®, orange juice and sherbet punch, I was experienced in using punch bowl ladles. Why this time was different, I do not know, but I recall that as I was bringing the ladle to my cup, I dropped it.

The glass ladle falling onto the glass punch bowl was alarmingly loud. I can see it now, waves of punch crashing into the sides of the bowl, punch spilling on the white tablecloth, the immediate halt of all conversation, and the eyes of a crowded room full of adults staring at me. That is the end of the memory, and I do not remember what happened next.

Dropping the ladle was an accident. Since then, I’ve learned (through experience) that “ladle dropping” is a part of being human. I’ve also learned that how we respond to “dropping the ladle” is critically important. Fortunately, neither the ladle nor the punch bowl were damaged, but I am guessing the tablecloth had to be washed a few times.

This supplemental edition of the *Northview News* is the result of my “dropping the ladle,” as I didn’t provide community residents interested in being considered for the Northview Board of Education adequate time to submit information to the district for inclusion in our last newsletter. In the future, the spring edition of the *Northview News* will include the following statement:

Members of the Northview community who plan to be a candidate for the Northview Board of Education may submit their photograph and a written description of themselves to the superintendent’s office by the second Friday in July. Profiles must be less than 250 words. The written descriptions will be reviewed by the district’s legal counsel to ensure compliance with the Michigan Campaign Act. Please contact the superintendent if you have any questions.

I encourage you to read this edition of the *Northview News* for information on the complete list of candidates for the Board of Education. In addition to the board candidate profiles, we hope that you will consider our invitation to join us for a community-wide celebration of the completion of the renovations that were made possible through the approval of our 2020 bond proposal.

Thank you for continued patience and support of Northview Public Schools. While more “ladle drops” are sure to happen, I am hopeful that fewer will occur now that I am holding the ladle with both hands.

To the continued success of our students,

Scott Korpak, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Northview Public Schools

★ ☆ ★ MEET THE CANDIDATES ★ ☆ ★



EMILY CARPENTER

Hi! I am Emily Carpenter and I am running for the Northview Board of Education. As a mom of two Northview Wildcats, I am running because I want to further serve the community and bring a fresh viewpoint to the Board. I am currently an account manager at Convivial Brands, where I

have worked for the past ten years. My favorite thing about working there is that they promote a healthy work-life balance, which allows me time to be involved in my community and my children’s education. I’m currently serving as the president of the PTO at West Oakview Elementary, and am actively involved in education, extracurricular activities, school sports and

co-running the Northview Little League concession stand. Outside of my passion for Northview, I enjoy spending time with my family and being outdoors! We love camping and going for bike rides!

Here in the Northview district, we’re extremely fortunate to have incredible teachers, administrators and staff at our schools. As a board member, I will work to make sure that they are all held to the highest standards while supporting their curriculum and ideas. I will be an advocate for our students and want the next generation of Wildcats to have every opportunity to be successful when they graduate. I am ready to bring this community to the next level! Let’s Go, Wildcats!

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LINDA LABERTEAUX



Hello, Northview. I'm Linda LaBerteaux and I hope to serve a second term on the Northview Board of Education.

In these past six years, my fellow board members elected me to two board leadership positions, board secretary and then board president, which I am currently serving as. Being on the Board of Education

has given me a clearer understanding of the strengths of our district as well as the challenges facing public schools around the country. I want to continue to work on behalf of our students, staff and community to sustain our excellence as we look for ways to improve in the future.

My husband, Paul and I moved to Grand Rapids with our family and specifically chose Northview for its outstanding reputation. Our two daughters graduated from Northview Public Schools,

remained in Grand Rapids and now our grandchildren are second generation Wildcats.

I've had a passion for teaching and learning my entire life. Having spent my career in education as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal at both the middle and high school levels in another district has been helpful as an advocate for the Northview community. I understand the importance of a strong education along with an outstanding community. I want to continue to contribute to the success of Northview as a highly reputable and sought after school district. My passion for children and education has led me to enthusiastically seek re-election to serve a second term on the Northview Board of Education. Contact: redwoods2504@comcast.net.

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CAL MORTON



Hi, I'm Cal Morton. As a Christ Follower, my faith is very important to me, and I feel called to give back to the Northview community that my wife and I have called home for 35 years.

I am running for the Northview Public School Board to support parents, students, and teachers in achieving a quality education that emphasizes a focus on reading, math, science, technology, foundational history and traditional civics. I look forward to working with the superintendent and the board to continue to provide an environment where every student can excel in educational performance that reflects their natural talents and abilities.

Northview Public Schools have a proud tradition of service and excellence to this community. We have the best of both worlds; small size to foster a sense of family and community pride, but academic, athletic, and extracurricular offerings that rival those in larger, more affluent school districts. Northview students and faculty are committed to hard work and excellence in all that they do, and our community faithfully supported the school system by passing millages, donating to fundraisers, cheering on our teams, attending performances, and volunteering in dozens of ways.

Despite our successes, according to (U.S. News), Northview is ranked #22 in Grand Rapids, MI Metro Area High Schools, #99 in Michigan High Schools and #2,883 in National Rankings. I know we can do better. One of my objectives is to focus on

academic rigor in our schools striving to move us towards being the number one school district of our size in the state! With assistance from parents and the school board, I believe this is possible.

As a father and grandparent, I'm also concerned with some of the issues that parents have recently been raising across the nation regarding divisive or inappropriate educational materials in some schools. My promise as a Northview Board Member is to be engaged with parents, grandparents, guardians, seniors and residents within the district to ensure that our academic curriculum instills a respect for our Nation, honors the many and varied people who have shaped our country, and values the rights under both our Federal and State Constitutions.

I recently retired from a career in the insurance industry, including almost 43 years at Foremost Insurance Group, a subsidiary of Farmers Insurance Group. My early experience included work in the claims department, in business administration and as a department supervisor. In my last 35 years, I performed various roles within the Information Technology Division. While serving in IT, I gained a wealth of knowledge in building quality teams, helped in estimating and delivering multi-million dollar projects and established cohesive relationships across the organization. I look forward to bringing this experience to Northview as a participant in moving our schools forward. For more information, please visit www.Cal4Northview.com.

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END-OF-RENOVATION CELEBRATION!

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In addition to the extensive renovations in our classrooms and on our school grounds, the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center (PAC) inside Northview High School also received renovations. You are invited to view the improvements on September 29. Stop by the PAC anytime between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm!

Highlighted Improvements:

- Updated seating for the audience. New colors, seats and aisle lighting.
- New audience lighting to enhance the theater-going experience. You have to see it to appreciate it. All new LED lighting reduces electricity usage by 75% in the seating area.
- Replacement of curtains are coming soon.
- New computerized lighting control is coming soon.
- New wireless microphone system is coming soon.



SNIP AND SAVE!



Want to enjoy this upgraded experience live? Save the date and join us for one of our 2022-2023 Northview High School student productions:

October 30
NHS Choir Coffee Concert

November 11-12
NHS Fall Play

December 10
NHS 24hr Theater

December 13
NHS Band Concert

December 17
NHS Holiday Choir Concert

January 14
NHS Drama Club Actor for an Evening

January 28-29
MSU Mini Jazz Camp

February 21
NHS Choir Festival Concert

March 1
NHS Band Concert

March 5
MSU Jazz Clinic and Performance

March 17-18 and March 24-25
NHS Spring Musical

April 25
NHS Band Concert

April 29
NHS Jazz Band Concert

May 9, 10, and 12
NHS Pops Concert