



Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When will the grade 6-8 middle school program be in place?** The renovated and enlarged Woodside and Zemmer sites will be opening as middle schools in the fall of 2010.
2. **Which middle school building will my 6-8th grade student attend?** The attendance areas for the middle schools have not yet been determined. There will be a committee process involving parents and staff that will make a recommendation regarding attendance areas.
3. **Will students be able to use school of choice to attend either middle school building?** Yes, the Schools of Choice program will still be a viable option for placing a child in a specific school if so wished and enrollment quotas have not been met.
4. **How long will it take to complete the middle schools?** The planning process is a long and complex process that takes time. The Woodside site will be completed first and then construction will begin on the Zemmer site shortly thereafter. Both middle schools are slated to be complete and open in the fall of 2010.
5. **When will groundbreaking take place?** The first of the two groundbreakings is slated to take place at the Woodside site in May of 2008. Groundbreaking at the Zemmer site will take place in the summer of 2009.
6. **What are the names of the new middle schools?** At this time, that has not been determined.
7. **What clubs, sports, and after-school activities will be offered at the new middle schools?** We will offer a variety of clubs and after-school activities for students in grades 6-8 and competitive athletics in grades 7 and 8. Offerings will change as a reflection of the interests of student.
8. **What will happen to the students at Zemmer while that building is being renovated?** The Woodside site is the first site that will undergo renovation and construction. This is because the current student population at Woodside will be the least disrupted by construction. Once the major renovations and most of the construction is complete at Woodside, the 7th graders from Zemmer will move over to Woodside for one year. At that point, construction will begin at the Zemmer site.
9. **With the students from the Woodside building being relocated to the Cramton building in 2009-2010, where are the children from Cramton/Kids & Company going to be located?** Children and students from Kids & Company at the Cramton location will be relocated to their new wing at the Woodside site.

10. **What other projects in addition to the middle schools will be taking place?** Every remaining building will receive updates, including the purchase of technology and furniture. Every building has a different list of proposed improvements, and building leadership teams will work to prioritize the remaining projects for their buildings.
11. **What technology is going to be implemented?** Technology is a central focus as part of our effort to improve teaching and learning. The following are just some of the major components that will be implemented in three phases over the next few years:
- Additional instructional computer labs and wireless mobile labs;
 - Instructional classroom presentation equipment such as overhead monitors and projectors;
 - New classroom and media center computers, printers, and other peripherals;
 - Updated phone and voice-mail system, including classroom telephones enabling enhanced classroom safety and better communication between teachers and parents;
 - Increased network capacity for additional workstations, printers, and other network-enabled technology.
12. **Are the portable classrooms finally going to be gone?** Yes. Once the two buildings are renovated and opened as middle schools, this will allow the removal of the remaining portable classrooms, all of which are at the high schools.
13. **Where can I get more information about the bond projects?** Information can be obtained from the District website, www.lapeerschools.org, Channel 18, building newsletters, and the District's quarterly publication, *News & Views*. If you have other questions, they can be submitted to lmurphy@lapeerschools.org.