

Litchfield Community Schools

'Doing What's Best for Kids'

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Dear Litchfield Alum:

For the first time in more than six years, Litchfield Community School's enrollment has increased. In fact, enrollment is up this year by 5.4%, which will net an additional \$155,000 in revenue for the district. Many improvements have taken place since the Alumni Banquet last May as voter approval of a sinking fund renewal allowed new lighting, ceiling tiles, carpeting and entrance doors.

The Litchfield Alumni Association and Litchfield Community Schools (LCS) are very pleased to be a partner in something new and exciting. The Litchfield Initiative is a local core group that represents business, industry, foundations, public entities and nonprofit organizations with the purpose of better preparing students for their careers and leadership roles. The Litchfield Initiative is currently moving forward with (1) tours of local industry for students and teachers to encourage networking and career information; (2) job shadowing and student internships with local businesses, professional services, and industry for juniors and seniors; (3) guest lecturers for the Senior Transitions class focusing on topics of careers and career readiness; and (4) partnering with parents to support the Initiative's efforts.

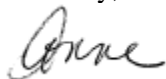
On-going planning to expand the scope of the Litchfield Initiative includes partnering with higher educational institutions to offer college credit and job preparedness through the opening of the LCS shop, aka the 'Richard E. Krohn Center for Excellence.' Local industries are investing in welding, CNC and robotics in the Center beginning this winter. (More exciting news to come on that!)

Your generosity has helped Litchfield Elementary earn an "A" rating in their academic progress as awarded by the U.S. Government's No Child Left Behind. And LCS was named one of 60 Academic State Champions of Michigan schools by *Bridge Magazine*. The award was based on our performance as compared to similar-sized and performing schools. Bridge is the online magazine of The Center for Michigan of Ann Arbor, a nonpartisan think tank that promotes public policy changes.

We appreciate your donations that continue the success of the K-8 Reading Street program. Also, last spring's donations enabled LCS to purchase a computer program for grades K-12 entitled *Accelerated Math*, which will prepare students to be creative thinkers and problem solvers.

Currently, we have raised 40% of our \$10,000 goal from alumni and friends of Litchfield Schools. Once again we will welcome your continued support in our fund raising efforts. The alumni board and Litchfield students greatly appreciate your generosity of your donations to Litchfield School Curriculum fund. Please address your donations to: Litchfield Community Schools, 210 Williams Street, Litchfield, MI 49252. Thank you for helping us to 'do what is best for kids!'

Sincerely,



Anne Riddle
Superintendent of Litchfield Schools



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