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Dear 2013-2014 Middle School Parent/Guardian:

Lapeer Community Schools is excited to share with you a new opportunity for our middle school students and another example of how we are transforming LCS into the District of Choices!

Following several months of Task Force meetings and parent communication opportunities, the district has developed a structure that will allow for the implementation of the year-round calendar as a unique **CHOICE** for parents who want their children to participate at the middle school level. This option would be provided as a "team within a school" and would allow the benefits of both the year-round calendar and the targeted Middle School program designed to meet the specific needs of adolescent students. Middle schools students participating in the year-round structure will continue to have access to all core content and elective programming as well as all extra-curricular and student leadership opportunities such as sports, clubs, student council, etc. with other students who attend the traditional schedule.

After reviewing several factors, it has been determined that this option will be available to all middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8 at the **Rolland-Warner campus**. Rolland-Warner will operate both the traditional calendar and the year-round calendar allowing families greater choice. The year-round option is open to middle school students who reside in both the Rolland-Warner and the Zemmer attendance area. Zemmer resident students will be picked-up on their regular bus run and shuttled to Rolland-Warner.

Middle School Calendar AUTOMATIC Assignment	All middle school students are automatically assigned to the traditional calendar schedule. A traditional calendar program will run at BOTH Rolland-Warner and Zemmer Middle Schools. If you wish for your child to be in a traditional calendar program, no further action is required.
Middle School Year- Round Calendar OPTION at Rolland-Warner	If you would like to enroll your child in the Year-Round program at Rolland-Warner, you must complete and return the enclosed application by April 19 . If the number of applicants exceeds the program capacity, a lottery system may be needed to select students who will attend. Parents will be notified of the status of their application the week of April 29.

Families with students at the elementary and middle school level will have the opportunity to keep children at multiple levels on the same calendar. If you wish to enroll your elementary aged student at Turrill Elementary, you will need to complete a separate application currently available on the district website at www.lapeerschools.org.

If you would like to learn more about how the year-round middle school program will operate, please plan to attend a parent night on **April 9, 2013** beginning at **6:00 PM in the cafeteria at Rolland-Warner Middle School**. For a copy of the 2013-2014 year-round calendar, or the informational flyer distributed earlier this year, please visit the district website.

The Year-Round Middle School program, starting July 31, will operate on a balanced academic calendar. Transportation will be provided for all in-district students attending the Year-Round Middle School. The benefits of a balanced calendar, including the closing of the "summer gap" in student retention, have been well-established through numerous studies. As a community, we are excited to be able to offer this new opportunity to middle school families across the District.

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 Superintendent