



March 6th, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Now that we know that annexation is not an option, we want to make you aware of the plan moving forward. We first want to reiterate that right now, our district is financially solid, and there are no plans for closing any of our buildings for the 2020-21 school year. We knew there was no guarantee that Troy would say yes to annexation, and we have been researching other options in case they said no. Now that we have an answer, we will move forward in a different direction.

There are many districts in our state that have 1000 to 1500 students. Many of those districts are very viable, and they offer great opportunities for their students. We are one of those districts. We will now focus on keeping Clawson a unique, small, and vital district.

We will continue to offer an outstanding well-rounded education to our students. We will continue to provide great performing and visual arts programs at every level, as well as great athletic facilities and programs. We will continue to take advantage of programs such as the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts (CASA), Oakland Schools Technical Center (OTC), and the Early College program where students can graduate with a high school diploma from Clawson High School and an associate degree from Oakland Community College at the same time.

To continue to offer all of these great opportunities and remain a small and viable district, we will now need to develop and pass a bond over the next 12 to 18 months. At our school board meeting on Monday, March 16 our school board will begin to discuss the option of passing a bond and the bond process. Any bond process will include input from parents, staff, and the community.

As the Superintendent, Board President, and residents of Clawson, we have been impressed by the kindness, resilience, and the love that people have for the Clawson community and our school district. We will now refine our focus on the direction we need to move, and we are excited about what we will accomplish by working together and building a strong future for Clawson Public Schools.

Tim Wilson, Superintendent
Kimberley Carlesimo, Clawson School Board President