

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Accomplishments Throughout the Years

1994 & 1999

- *Voters overwhelmingly approve bond issues*
- *Bond projects included improvements in technology such as computers, labs, & multimedia hardware. Elementary libraries were connected to the Township libraries, remodeled instructional spaces, & parking lot, playground, roofs*

1997

- *Implemented Police Liaison Officer Program*

2002

- *Mott Named Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School*
- *Move to off-site graduation ceremonies at Oakland University*
- *New computer, science & general education rooms completed at Kettering and Mott*
- *New auditoriums at Kettering & Mott*
- *New gymnasiums at Kettering & Mott*
- *Defibrillators Installed in District buildings*

2003

- *Voters approve the 2003 \$100 Million Bond Issue*
- *Authorized remaining \$15 million of 1999 bond for new classrooms, remodeling, roofs, boilers, parking lots, furniture, technology, buses, windows, office space, science rooms, corridor remodeling, lockers & lighting*
- *District receives Governor's Exemplary Physical Education Award*

2003

- *Non-homestead renewal ensures full funding without increasing homeowner taxes*
- *Awarded Homeland Security Grant from State of Michigan*
- *Purchased mobile AED for athletic events*
- *Installed access control systems*

2004

- *Pool & physical education addition groundbreaking*
- *District receives Governor's Exemplary Physical Education Award*

2005

- *US Department of Education Awards District Emergency Response & Crisis Management Grant (\$201,036) to strengthen its crisis plan through staff training, parent education, bus evacuation drills, revise building maps, first aid kits to all classrooms & provide American Sign Language staff training*

2005

- *Haviland Named Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School*
- *Houghton Named Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School*
- *Schoolcraft Named Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School*
- *Waterford Named Top 100 in America for Music Education*

2005

- *Pool & Fitness Centers constructed*
- *Mott received new entrance and four new classrooms & additional remodeling*
- *Mott parking lot redesign & expansion*
- *Kettering received new windows*
- *Construction of new music suite at Kettering (including instrument & vocal music rooms)*

2005

- *Mason's Accelerated Reading Program Earns Educational Excellence Award*
- *Kettering & Mott recognized in the American School Board Journal Learning by Design 2005, A School Leader's Guide to Architectural Design*
- *District receives national recognition for design & construction of the Performing Art Centers, presented by the American School and University*

2005

- *Adams Elementary received International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Program Award*
- *District received Governor's Exemplary Physical Education Award*
- *Stepanski received extensive remodeling*
- *Knudsen sees construction begin on new roof, gym and renovations to kitchen and cafeteria*
- *Administration offices moved to Covert to reduce operating expenditures*

2006

- *Graduation requirements increased*
- *Food Services moves to Meal Magic (swipe card system to purchase food with prepaid funds)*
- *Five students selected to All-State Orchestra*
- *Pool & Fitness Center Grand Opening*
- *Waterford Named Top 100 in America for Music Education*
- *Waterford Teen Health Center Opens*

2006

- *Senior Center moved to Leggett*
- *District awarded \$218,999 Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant from US Department of Education. (Develop & implement a school safety threat assessment program, infectious disease plan, bio-security management plan for food service, & conduct parent workshops)*

2007

- *Board approved moving elections to even-year November*
- *District receives Governor's Exemplary Physical Education Award*
- *Waterford Named Top 100 in America for Music Education*
- *Large scale emergency exercises conducted*

2008

- *Stepanski Early Childhood Center earns National Accreditation*
- *All-Day Every Day Tuition Free Kindergarten offered*
- *All Elementary & Middle Schools Earn Annual Yearly Progress*
- *District awarded \$5,745,460 Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant*
- *District & Waterford Police Department awarded COPS Secure Our Schools Grant (\$267,410)*

2009

- *District one of nine in State to offer online instruction*
- *New Aeronautics, Aviation, Aerospace Science and Technology Program offered*

2010

- *District awarded International District Accreditation by AdvancED/NCA*
- *District awarded USDOJ Mentoring for Safe Schools/Healthy Student Grant (\$299,255)*
- *Safety Hotline available*
- *Board Meetings available live on computer*
- *Kingsley Montgomery School Grand Re-Opening*
- *District launches Cyber Academy*

2011

- District & Waterford Police Department awarded \$176,693 COPS Grant to improve security*
- *Awarded USDOJ Mentoring for Youth with Disabilities Initiative Grant (\$280,814)*

2012

- *Non-Homestead Renewal Ensures Full Funding – Zero Increase to Homeowner Taxes*

2012

- *New Emergency Communication and Parent Outreach Alert and Notification Communication System (Blackboard Connect) implemented*

2013

- *Kettering & Mott received new athletic complexes including synthetic turf fields, stadium bleachers, track, lighting & scoreboard.*
- *Secure entries created at each school building*

2013

- *Classroom door hardware retrofitted to increase security*
- *Summer Food Service Programs feeds kids for free*
- *Riverside becomes Leader in Me School*
- *\$250,000 COPS Grant awarded to Waterford Police Department & District*

2014

- *District Launches Mobile App increasing communication*
- *Your Voice (community engagement)*
- *District named to Annual AP Honor Roll*
- *Complete wireless infrastructure*
- *Additional elementary lab workstations; TV/Apple TV/Speakers/iPad*
- * Structured cabling upgrades for all buildings*

2014

- *3D printers for secondary technology labs*
- *Haviland becomes Leader in Me School*
- *Issue \$20 million (Heating/cooling mechanical, AC elementary, remodeling, equipment, technology)*
- *OK2Say student safety initiative*
- *Board approves elementary HVAC*

2015

- * Waterford READS launches, ensuring reading proficiency*
- *\$15 Million in bonds issued for continued facility improvements*

2016

- *\$100 million bond election approved by voters
- *Junior Kindergarten launched
- *STEM Academy constructed & program offered
- *Free preschool provided
- *Reading with Wilbur launched
- *Mott weight room & wrestling area constructed
- *Computer lab at Riverside constructed

2016

- *Roof replacements at Waterford Senior Center & Pierce
- *Parking lot drain structures improved; Mott parking lot redesign
- *Corridor & flooring renovations at Donelson Hills and Riverside
- *40 station computer labs at the elementary schools
- *Wiring infrastructure to expand wireless network; new computers in every elementary & middle school classroom

2017

- *Kettering joins top 1% of Music Programs Nation Wide (SupportMusic Merit Award from NAMM Foundation)
- *Houghton & Cooley receive Reward School status
- *Waterford Advanced Achievement Endorsement program implemented

2018

- *Stepanski opens additional campus
- *Graduates earned over \$8 million in scholarships
- *Grayson Elementary named Lighthouse School
- *Initiated Parent Engagement Nights
- *Girls Who Code clubs formed at secondary buildings
- *Sweet Reads Bookmobile summer program launched

ADVANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

ELEMENTARY

- Destination Imagination
- Inquiry Math
- Guided Reading
- Robotics
- STEM Cardboard Challenge
- Hour of Code
- Math Olympiad
- Spanish Instruction
- Leader in Me
- Student Clubs
- Summer of STEAM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Accelerated ELA & Math for High School credit
- Accelerated Exploratory Courses
- Robotics
- Web
- Destination Imagination

HIGH SCHOOL

- STEM Academy
- Robotics
- CAD
- Video Production
- AP Courses
- Accelerated Courses
- Dual Enrollment
- C2 Pipeline
- Advanced Music Programs
- Advanced Art Programs
- LINK Crew
- DECA
- Destination Imagination
- Business Professionals of America
- Microsoft Certification