

FITZGERALD HERALD

The Newsletter of Fitzgerald Public Schools

welcome
BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday
**September 5th,
2023**

All buildings will have a half day on the first day.

*We are looking forward to a great
2023-2024 School Year!*

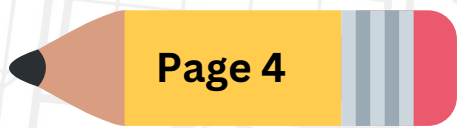


Schofield Early Childhood Center
8:55am-12:15pm

Westview Lower Elementary School
8:20am-11:35am

Mound Park Upper Elementary School
8:10am-11:25am

Chatterton Middle School
7:40am-10:40am

Fitzgerald High School
7:30am-10:35am

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 **OUR VISION:**
FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 EDUCATING OUR FUTURE
 **FOCUSED**
 **PROGRESSIVE**
 **SUCCESSFUL**

 **OUR MISSION:**
FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
**INSPIRING
EMPOWERING
& PREPARING**
 Today's  **LEARNER**
 to become  **Tomorrow's LEADER**

Message from the Superintendent



Dear Fitzgerald Families,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! If you are new to the district, I welcome you and thank you for choosing Fitzgerald Public Schools.

We were busy this summer! From summer school to open swim, Fitzgerald was abuzz with good things. We thank all of our staff who worked this summer to make sure improvements were made to our buildings, students were fed and taught, and things were prepared for students to return this fall. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff members.

We look forward to a new year filled with learning, growing and fun. From Preschool to Senior Year, Fitzgerald is focused on helping students be prepared for their future. We celebrate student success and support them when there are challenges. We want all of our Spartans to be their best and our dedicated staff works diligently each day to help everyone accomplish that.

From your first, first day of school to your last first day of school, we hope that Fitzgerald is your home. Make sure to capture those first day of school pictures and share them on social media with the #FitzNation. We can't wait to see all of our Spartans' smiling faces!

I wish each of you a wonderful school year! I can't wait to see all the amazing things that happen across this great district! Please mark your calendars and join us for Family Fun Day and our Fitzgerald Homecoming Game on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The parade starts at 11am with all events following.

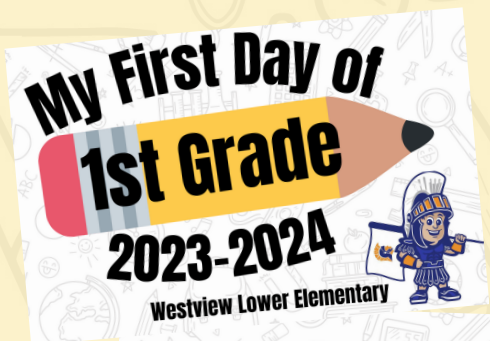
With Spartan Pride,

Hollie Stange

Hollie Stange
Superintendent

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS

Find them in your Back to School Mailing! Extra copies will be at Open House!



Post to Social Media and share your Spartan Pride!

#FitzNation





BUSING NEWS



BUS Reminders

-All busing requests MUST go through the Edulog Portal

- 1. Download the Edulog App**
- 2. Complete an *Annual Transportation Request Form***
- 3. Once approved, a confirmation email will be sent**

The portal allows you to set alerts for when your child's bus is nearing drop off and pick up locations

Questions?

**Please visit the Fitzgerald website
www.fitz.k12.mi.us
Departments - Transportation**

As we prepare for a new school year, it's important to review the bus expectations with your child

- Respect and cooperate with the Bus Driver
- Be at your assigned bus stop 5 minutes before your scheduled pick up time
- Keep off private property, line up at the bus stop so that everyone enters the bus quickly and safely
- Remain seated at ALL times
- Always treat others with respect by keeping hands and feet to yourself and use appropriate language
- Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus
- Follow all electronic device rules
- Keep your hood off
- Nothing should be thrown in or from the bus



SCHOFIELD

Early Childhood Center News

GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE program funded by the Michigan Department of Education. The program runs Monday-Thursday with half day and full day options available. Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023. Additionally, specific eligibility requirements must be met to be enrolled.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The ECSE program is designed to meet the needs of a special group of students who qualify. This program is free and begins on Wednesday, September 6th. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is required to qualify. The program runs four to five days per week, AM or PM sessions,

YOUNG 5'S PROGRAM

We are excited to offer a Young 5's program to students who will be five years of age between July 1 and December 1. The Young 5's program is a bridge between Preschool and Kindergarten providing young learners the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs. We are excited to implement curriculum that encourages curiosity and scientific exploration, promotes early literacy and math skills and teaches the social emotional skills students need for a successful academic career.



Questions?

**Please contact the
Schofield Office at
(586) 757-5150**

Important Dates

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION - SEPTEMBER 5TH

Parents are invited to join their child for arrival on the first day of school Tuesday, September 5th at 8:55am. After dropping off your child, parents are encouraged to stay and meet with Mrs. Whitfield in the gym to learn more information about our school, curriculum, parent involvement and more!

GSRP ORIENTATION - SEPTEMBER 18TH

Preschool home visits will occur September 7th - 15th. During this time more information will be shared with families about the first day of school and orientation.



WESTVIEW & MOUND PARK

Lower Elementary & Upper Elementary



Whether you are new to our building or returning, we are excited to welcome you! We can't wait to see your smiling faces on Tuesday, September 5th! Both buildings will have a half day on the first day.

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
September 5th, 2023
Westview - 8:20am - 11:35am
Mound Park - 8:10am - 11:25am

MEET MR. SEMANSON



I am honored to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal of Westview Elementary. I am entering my 13th year in education, with my previous 12 being in the Grand Rapids Public School district. During those years, I taught high school Mathematics, coached varsity soccer, and was an assistant principal of an elementary/middle K-8 school. My educational passions include community engagement, social emotional development, and providing rigorous learning opportunities through meaningful experiences. I am a diehard Detroit sports fan and some of my hobbies include spending time with my three year old son, playing disc golf, and traveling. Even though I've lived on the west side of Michigan for the last 17 years, I grew up in the metro Detroit area, and I couldn't be happier to be home as part of the Fitz Family.

WESTVIEW & MOUND PARK

Lower Elementary & Upper Elementary

Elementary School Supply List

Dear Fitzgerald Families,

Throughout the school year our students will be working on some exciting learning activities that use the items listed below. These items are used by students in the classroom and are in high demand all year long. We would be most appreciative of any donation that you are able to make to our classroom.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year!

Classroom Donation List

- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Crayola Crayons (24pack)
- Crayola Markers & Colored Pencils
- Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Kleenex Facial Tissue
- Gallon sized Ziploc bags
- Sandwich sized Ziploc bags
- Coloring Books for Indoor Recess

Individual Student Needs

- 1 Backpack without Wheels
- 1 pair of Sturdy Headphones
- 1 Lunch Box or Bag
- 1 Pencil Box (Hard Plastic)
- Water Bottle



WESTVIEW & MOUND PARK

Lower Elementary & Upper Elementary



Please Join Us!

Fitzgerald Elementary
PARENT GROUP

WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER WE ALL BENEFIT!!

Schofield ECC
Westview ES
Mound Park ES

Agenda Items

- Family Events
- Fundraising
- Volunteering
- Title 1 Parent Information

SEPTEMBER

27

6:00 pm

Westview Elementary

24077 Warner
Warren, MI 48091

JANUARY

23

6:00 pm

Schofield Early Childhood

21555 Warner
Warren, MI 48091

APRIL

4

6:00 pm

Mound Park Elementary

5356 Toepfer
Warren, MI 48091

WESTVIEW & MOUND PARK

Lower Elementary & Upper Elementary

SCHOOL AGED CHILD CARE (SACC)

Register for the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 from 12:00pm - 6:00pm at Mound Park Upper Elementary

LOCATION

Students in grades PreK-5 are eligible to attend Before/After School Care at Mound Park Upper Elementary School. Students from Westview and Schofield will be bussed in the morning and after school to Mound Park.

HOURS

6:30am until the start of school
After school until 6:00pm

Advanced scheduling required

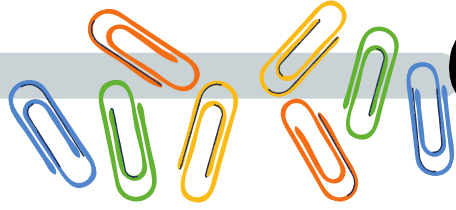
EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Care is available on PLC and Half Day early releases.

COST

Registration per Family - \$25.00

Hourly Rate- \$5.00 per hour for the first child,
\$4.00 for each additional child
Hourly rates are effective to the full hour.



CHATTERTON

Middle School

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



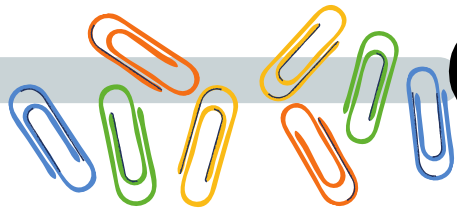
New Lockers- Larger with locks installed within them!



Soon to be Completed - Commons and School Store Areas

What a Summer Chatterton has had!

Chatterton underwent a huge overhaul this summer! From ceiling to floors it has all been redone. Highlights include: brand new, larger lockers for all students, updated LED lighting and ceiling tiles, new floors in all classrooms, and updated BENQ interactive board technology in all classrooms. The new student commons, school store, collaborative classroom space and media center are among some of the largest changes to the building. The updates will make the school even safer and a more flexible space for student learning. We are so excited for students to see the changes!



CHATTERTON

Middle School

JOIN US

Wednesday

AUGUST 30, 2023
5:00PM-6:30PM

CHATTERTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

- Meet Your Student's Teachers
- Tour Our Beautiful Campus
- Visit Your Student's Classrooms
- Enter to Win Raffle Prizes



ENJOY FREE ICE CREAM

IF YOU MISSED SPARTAN DAY

Make sure you join us at Open House to receive your schedule, tour the building and meet your teachers!



We are excited to welcome all our students to the 2023-2024 school year! We have an exciting year ahead!



SCHEDULE CONCERNS?

We will make every effort to ensure all students are placed in the best possible classes based on their individual needs. For the first few days of school, the counseling department will be placing new students, conducting placement tests for interventions and balancing class numbers. Please allow a few days for changes to occur. If you have a concern, please call the Counseling Office at (586) 757-5690.

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 5th, 2023

- Doors Open - 7:30am
- Entrance Bell - 7:35am
- Start Time - 7:40am
- Dismissal Bell - 10:40am

Entrances:

- 6th Grade - Planetarium Doors (Ryan Road Side)
- 7th/8th Grade - Main Entrance Doors (Accessed from the Main Parking Lot)



FROM 7:40-2:43
CELL PHONES ARE OFF AND PUT AWAY

PHONES MAY BE USED AT LUNCH

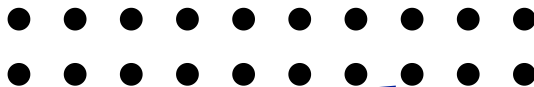
NOT ALLOWED:
-PHONE CALLS
-TAKING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS

PARENTS MAY ALWAYS CONTACT THEIR CHILD BY CALLING 586-757-6650



FITZGERALD

High School



If you were unable to attend Spartan Day, make sure to attend our Open House on August 30th from 5:15pm-6:45pm to pick up your schedule and tour the building!

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
September 5th, 2023
Start Time - 7:30am
Dismissal Bell - 10:35am

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Fitzgerald High School is excited to partner with Wayne State University this year to offer the C2 Pipeline program. C2 Pipeline is open to students in grades 9-12. After school sessions run for two and a half hours daily, Monday through Thursday. During these two and a half hours, students are served dinner or a snack and also have a chance to participate in academic center and enrichment. C2 Pipeline's academic center offers students the opportunity to receive assistance with homework, projects, and any school related work in a small group setting. Enrichments cover topics that would not normally be covered during the school day in a fun and exciting, hands on atmosphere. Examples include: Anatomy in Clay, Fashion Engineering, Traumatic Brain Injury, Need for Green Speed, SAT Prep, STEM Busters, and Empowerment Improv. Each center considers district goals and school improvement plans when determining programming activities. All enrichment curriculum is aligned to Common Core State Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and state curriculum standards. Applications are available in the main office or online. All students are accepted!



FITZGERALD football

8/24/23	Warren Mott	Home	7pm
8/31/23	Port Huron Northern	Home	7pm
9/8/23	Cousino	Away	7pm
9/15/23	Lake Shore	Home	7pm
9/22/23	Eastpointe	Away	7pm
9/30/23	Warren Woods Tower	Away	1pm
10/7/23	Grosse Pointe North	Home	1pm
	<i>Fitzgerald Homecoming</i>		
10/13/23	Port Huron	Away	7pm
10/20/23	Avondale	Away	7pm



2023
SCHEDULE

FITZGERALD

High School

ACCELERATED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FHS STUDENTS

DUAL ENROLLMENT

This program provides students who qualify the opportunity to attend courses at local colleges and universities to earn both high school and college credit. Fitzgerald Public Schools will pay (up to a state specified amount) for qualified students to enroll in classes at a college or university of their choice. Acceptance into a Dual Enrollment program is based on qualifying scores on standardized tests such as the PSAT and SAT. Students who choose to dual enroll will be taking a total of six courses, which will be a mix of classes at Fitzgerald High School and the college/university of their choice. FHS students will be taking a PSAT/SAT in October 2023 and can qualify based on their scores on the assessment they take.

EARLY COLLEGE OF MACOMB

The Early College of Macomb (ECM) is a program for high school students that will give them an early start toward career and higher education opportunities. The ECM provides eligible students with the opportunity for 11th grade students to enter a college program while still in high school. They benefit from a curriculum that enables them to earn their high school diploma and attend a 13th year of school after graduation, earning an Associate Degree with no cost to themselves for tuition, fees and books. Early College of Macomb students attend FHS classes, as well as career-focused classes on the Macomb Community College campus. Students engage in an exciting curriculum taught by both high school and college instructors that will move them ahead of a traditional schedule toward degrees of technical certificates that match the students' chosen career pathways. Students must apply for acceptance to the ECM in their 10th grade year. If your student is going into 9th or 10th grade and is interested in this program, please have them speak to their counselor.

MEET MR. STEVENS



Hello Fitzgerald students, staff and families, my name is Gary Stevens and I am excited to introduce myself as the new assistant principal of Fitzgerald High School.

The 2023-2024 school year will mark my sixteenth year in education. I hold a bachelors of science degree from Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in physical and health education. A masters degree from Marygrove College in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and a K-12 administration degree from Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. This past year, I worked as the Director of Pupil Services for Hamtramck Public Schools and prior to that I was an elementary and middle school principal for four years. I am extremely honored and humbled to be chosen to work with the Fitzgerald community!!!

My various experiences in education have taught me to appreciate the diversity of every student and maintain a belief in which every student should be encouraged to reach his/her full potential with the aid of their teacher(s). My goal this school year is to not only assist the staff members of Fitzgerald High School to educate their students but to build strong lifelong relationships that help motivate and inspire students to reach their full potential.

When I am not working, you can find me spending time with my family, being and assistant coach on my sons hockey team and out on the golf course enjoying the weather. I am looking forward to a great school year full of opportunities and growth.

Go Spartans !!



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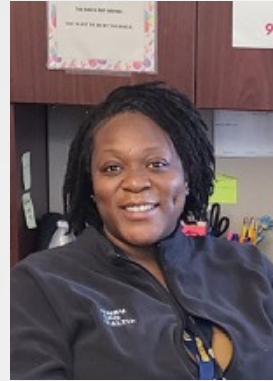
Health Center

Located within Fitzgerald High School

Meet Our STAFF



Tina M. Almanza
PPCNP-BC, MSN, AE-C
Clinic Coordinator
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner



Kristine Wiley
Behavioral Health
Clinical Therapist



Tiffany Young
Medical Assistant
Medicaid Outreach
Coordinator

CLINIC Information

A new consent form must be filed every year!

The Fitzgerald Health Center is part of the Henry Ford Health System's Department of Pediatrics, School-Based and Community Health Program. Services are provided to youth through 21 years old regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. A signed consent form is required for your child to receive services. We are not a replacement for your primary care provider, but serve as a convenient alternative to support your healthcare needs. There are no out-of-pocket costs. If your family needs health insurance, we can provide insurance application assistance at the health center. The health center provides treatment of minor illness and injury, physical exams, immunizations and vaccinations, health education and laboratory testing. All services are confidential. We also provide mental health services including individual counseling.





FITZGERALD
Public Schools

**OPEN
HOUSE**

Wednesday

AUGUST 30, 2023

Schofield - 3:45PM-5:15PM

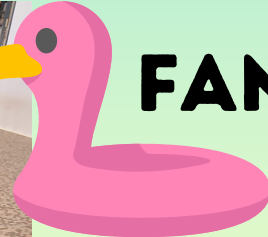
Westview - 4:00PM-5:30PM

Mound Park - 4:15PM-5:45PM

Chatterton - 5:00PM-6:30PM

Fitzgerald - 5:15PM-6:45PM

Summer AT FITZGERALD



FAMILY SUMMER SWIM



We were so happy to see our families escaping the heat for a swim in the Fitzgerald High School pool! Families then attended Meet Up and Eat Up in the Cafeteria. Fun was had by all!

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS



Lots of learning happened this summer in our summer school programs. We love to work with our students over the summer to improve and strengthen their skills. The summer is the perfect time to prepare for the fall and start the year with extra support! We are so thankful for the dedicated staff that makes these programs possible!





We are proud of our 91% graduation rate. We dedicate ourselves to helping our high school students succeed. We provide summer credit recovery options to help students stay on track.



MEALS ON THE MOVE MEET UP & EAT UP

We had two amazing summer meal programs! Both were very successful and offered our families several ways to get breakfast and lunch this summer. We are so thankful for the hard work the Food Service department put in this summer to make sure our students had full stomachs all summer long!

20,000 Meals were served this summer!

We will continue to serve FREE breakfast and lunch to all student's this school year. We also provide Halal and vegetarian options each day.





let's stay CONNECTED



**Fitzgerald
Public Schools**

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Videos coming this August



Schofield
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Lower Elementary

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FPSWestviewES

Mound Park
Upper Elementary

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Middle School

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Fitzgerald
High School

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FPSFitzgeraldHS

SAVE THE DATE

TRUNK OR TREAT THURSDAY OCTOBER 26

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

11am - Parade

11:30am - Family Fun Day

1 pm - Game Time

HOMECOMING

Media Release

Various school and classroom activities are recorded by Fitzgerald Public Schools throughout the school year through the use of photography and video equipment. Such recordings may be circulated to other students, classrooms, or be used in District publications and television programs. If you do NOT wish to have your child(ren) photographed or video-recorded, please Complete the below Media Release Denial form and return it to your child's school by Friday, September 8, 2023. Fitzgerald Public Schools Media Release Denial (Please Print)

I do NOT wish to have my child photographed or video-recorded.

Student's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1996 (Amends Michigan Public Health Code Public Act 174 of 1994)

The drug-free zone surrounding school property is 1,000 feet. Any individual who delivers cocaine, narcotics, or other illicit substances to a minor student within the 1,000-foot drug free zone around school property shall be punished by at least two years in prison and up to three times the term of imprisonment and fine or both that would otherwise apply. "School Property" is defined as a "building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children in grades kindergarten through 12, when provided by a public, private, denominational, or parochial school, except those buildings used primarily for adult education or college extension courses."

Pest Management Program Notification

As part of the Fitzgerald Public School District's Pest Management Program, pesticides are periodically applied to school property. Planned applications will be posted at building entrances at least 24 hours prior to application. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but if requested, you will be provided notice following any such application. If you wish to be notified prior to pesticide application, please mail your name, student's name, address, city, zip code, phone number and school your student attends to: Fitzgerald Public Schools, Facilities Dept., 23200 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI 48091, Attn: Bill Rudd or call (586) 757-5502

Annual Notification of Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

Fitzgerald Public Schools conducted major asbestos abatement within Fitzgerald High School this summer. Materials removed included, but are not limited to, floor tile, pipe insulation, and ceiling materials. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was passed in 1986. District buildings are monitored every six months and re-inspected every three years to comply with AHERA regulations. Our next re-inspection is scheduled for April 2024. Fitzgerald Public Schools may conduct minor asbestos abatement within its facilities in the next year. When asbestos is disturbed in our District, it is performed by Michigan Licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractors and managed by Nova Environmental, Inc., the district's environmental consulting firm. Questions relating to asbestos-related issues can be addressed to Fitzgerald Public Schools, Facilities Dept., 23200 Ryan Rd, Warren, MI 48901.

Board Policy Controls Release of Records

Fitzgerald Public Schools has compiled student records for use in providing appropriate educational programs and services. Management and use of these records and access to them is controlled by Board of Education policy, state and federal legislation. All parents and guardians of students under age 18 and all students age 18 or older have a right to review the official school records, which relate directly to their student or themselves. They also have a right to limit the disclosure of these records and to request changes to ensure accuracy and fairness. For further official student records information, contact building principals.

Fitzgerald Public Schools has designated the following as directory information to be disclosed to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies without prior written consent:

- Student's name and address
 - Names of parents
 - Student's date of birth
 - Class (first grade, etc.)
 - Student's photograph
 - Student's extracurricular participation
 - Student's attendance record
 - Student awards/honors (not specific grades)
 - Student's weight/height if a member of an athletic team
 - School or district student has attended
- Parents, guardians and/or eligible students have two weeks after the publication of this notice to advise the Superintendent in writing of any items they do not want designated as directory information. Address inquiries to: Office of the Superintendent, Fitzgerald Public

Grievance Procedures for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation

Section I: Any person believing that the Fitzgerald Public School District or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, (4) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and (5) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the local Civil Rights Coordinator at the following address: Regan Galloway, Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091 or call (586) 757-1751.

Section II: The person who believes a valid basis for grievance exists shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer within (5) business days. The complainant may initiate formal procedure according to the following steps:

Step 1. A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.

Step 2. A complainant wishing to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days after receipt of the coordinator's response. The superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.

Step 3. If unsatisfied, the complainant may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receiving the superintendent's response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within (1) days of this meeting.

Inquiries concerning nondiscriminatory policies may be directed to Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202, or Regan Galloway, Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091. A copy of each of the Acts and regulations may be found in the local Civil Rights Coordinator's office.