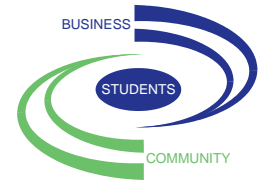




# 2006-2007 Partnership Wall of Fame Winners



**Partnership Wall of Fame: Recognition of School/Business/Community Partnerships.** The Community Partnership Advisory Council recognizes partners in education each year. From nominations made by staff members, two partnerships have been named as outstanding and will be represented on the Partnership Wall of Fame in the main hall at the Maxfield Training Center. Seven other partnerships have been named as notable. These partners were honored at the Tuesday, May 29, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

## OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIPS

### 1. Detroit Economic Club with Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington High Schools

The Detroit Economic Club, through their sponsoring business partners, invites students and faculty from Farmington, Harrison, and North Farmington High Schools to attend yearly events at the Detroit Economic Club. For the past four years, more than 1,000 students and faculty have had the opportunity to attend bi-monthly events. The students must dress for success, prepare to ask enlightened questions in a one-on-one interview with the keynote speaker, practice social skills, communication skills and be a part of a real world happening. The partners have the opportunity to meet and interact with the students and stay in tune with the students of today. Students and faculty experience a social event which includes not only the local partnerships, but world renowned visitors.

### 2. Bill Zipp, engineer, with Power Middle School

Mr. Bill Zipp, a former engineer from Wilcox Professional Services who is currently working at Parsons Brinckerhoff, helped establish and develop the Power Middle School Future City team. He coached Power's future engineers on how to conduct research, ask futuristic questions, work together as a team, use SimCity software, create abstracts, write detailed engineering papers and build scale models using recycled materials.

Over three years, he has helped the students earn nine awards, with three placing Power teams in the top five positions for the state competitions. Bill's strong commitment to the team allows students to bond with a working professional and explore career opportunities. He also provides the best home-baked cookies! He plans on returning next year to continue this exceptional program.

## NOTABLE PARTNERSHIPS

### 1. Farmington Hills Police Department, Farmington Hills Fire Department & Farmington Public Safety Department with the District

Nine years ago, a collaborative partnership was facilitated with the school district, law enforcement and emergency responders to upgrade protocols and procedures for safe schools planning. Through this partnership, Public Safety officers serve, not only as responders but as educators. Many serve on District safety committees to train and educate staffs on current safety protocols and procedures. The invaluable input that we receive from their expertise continues to laud us, statewide, as leaders in school safety. There is no greater commitment than the dedication and perseverance of the professional officers/firefighters who continue to work alongside this district to support our ongoing safe schools initiatives. The greater story is that each of these agencies, through their officers/firefighters, awakens each and every day, committed to protect, defend or to rescue any one of us within this school community.

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### **2. Farmington Youth Assistance with Dunckel Middle School**

Throughout the year, Pam Lyle, director at Farmington Youth Assistance, has worked with many of the Dunckel Middle School students who have special needs. She comes to the building weekly to meet with students, parents, truancy officers and prosecutors to provide support and consultation. Her success is shown by the increase in student attendance, which leads to improvements in grades and overall attitude. Pam was a career speaker at Dunckel's *Girls Only leadership Development* event in March. Her participation led many to consider pursuing careers as social workers.

### **3. Jewish Family Services with Lanigan Elementary School**

Jewish Family Services mentors come to Lanigan Elementary School once a week between 4-5 p.m. to work with "at risk" students. The volunteers provide academic support, engage in fun activities, and share and talk while building a mutual relationship and friendship. The Jewish Family Services program coordinator and Lanigan's student assistant coordinator work closely to facilitate an orientation for staff and volunteers to meet and discuss the students and plan how to best serve the students' needs. The Jewish Family Services encourages young people to lead successful, healthy lives, which is a part of their mission.

### **4. Shayna Lewis - LOC Federal Credit Union with Longacre Elementary School**

Longacre Elementary partnered with LOC Federal Credit Union to open a student-run credit union operated by two teams of fifth grade students. The students participated in an extensive application and interview process for positions such as branch manager, member service representative, teller, etc. Once selected, the Longacre Credit Union employees underwent a month of training by Shayna Lewis, Financial Education Specialist from LOC. On opening day, Shayna organized a "ribbon-cutting ceremony" assembly, complete with local dignitaries, parents and staff.

### **5. Ray Okonski with Harrison High School**

Ray Okonski volunteers his time and donates money to the Harrison High School entrepreneurship class. Students work with Farmington community members on "real world" projects, like the "robotic boat", that people in the science and entrepreneurial work force would complete. As a result, students develop a better understanding of our current economy and work force expectations. Ray works to influence the growth and development of our youth in the hopes of making our students productive members of our global community.