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Good News Gram

The Bond:

Upgrades to YPS buildings and technology are underway, thanks to the bond that was successfully passed by voters in August 2007. Currently in progress:

- Computers and other classroom technology tools were on display in March for staff to preview. After surveying the staff the decision was made to purchase Apple computers for the district.
- PowerSchool is being installed to upgrade the YPS student management data. This system will also provide parents with instant online access to their child's grades and attendance.
- Renovation work at Perry CDC, Estabrook Elementary and Ypsilanti High School commenced with the summer recess. Carpet, floors, security upgrades and lighting are being replaced, pool repairs are being made and mechanical alterations are underway to prepare for the installation of new technology

For photos and updates of the bond project visit www.ypsd.org and in the News Nuggets box select Bond Update to Educate Pictures. For more information about YPS, please call (734) 714-1202.



Student Success:

- YHS '08 graduate LaTisha Campbell named the 2008 Ann Arbor News' "Young Citizen of the Year"
- YHS senior Matthew Hughes was a member of a four-person team that took first place in their division at the 2008 Michigan Japanese Bowl hosted at the U-M. Matthew was also selected by the Japanese Foundation to spend two weeks this summer in Japan
- YHS student Corene Harris spent a semester in Washington D.C. as a Congressional Page to U.S. Congressman John Dingell
- The YHS Wind Symphony Band and the Concert Choir each received top honors in their respective 2008 festivals
- YHS student Emanuel Gombos won the state Construction SkillsUSA competition and will move on to national competition. He was honored in May by Lansing state legislators
- East and West Middle Schools were recognized as 2008 Schools of Distinctions in the Healthy School Environment Recognition Program
- Data shows that YPS students have gained leverage in the core curriculum areas of: Math and Reading

New Initiatives:

- The Air Force Junior ROTC will be offered in the fall at Ypsilanti High School
- The Early College Alliance at Eastern Michigan University is a unique college experience for current YHS students
- The Montessori Program at Perry Child Development Center was established in the fall of 2007 with great results and an expansion of offerings are anticipated
- Adams STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Academy, supported by the University of Michigan College of Engineering and the National Society of Black Engineers

Staff Awards

- First grade teacher Deborah Wilbanks was named a 2008 "Teacher of the Year," by the Michigan American Legion
- Music Teacher Crystal Davis-Harding received a 2008 "Michigan Education Excellence Award"
- Richard Weigel, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Quality, received the 2008 "Winners' Circle Award" from the Michigan Association of School Administrators
- The Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce 2008 E3 Award was presented to Gwen Guthrie, first grade teacher and Mike Mitchell, RCTC Computer Systems Technology teacher

