

## **Bloomfield and Birmingham should be merged - Byron Kennedy**

I think if Bloomfield is going to a one high school concept then it should be merged with another district such as Birmingham. Since there has been a reduction in all types of schools here in Bloomfield over these years, why pay an executive and his staff large sums of money and fringe benefits to run so few schools and students?? These school executives and their staffs make almost or more than the Governor of MI. and above half of what the President of the U.S. makes.

What is going to happen to the Lahser H.S. site? Is it going to set idle for a few years and then sold as a home site?

Bloomfield Twp and the City have no parks. We have to use Birmingham. Waterford Twp & Troy has parks all over.

Bloomfield residents can use the school sites as a park as long as students are not using the site for class work.

This mega H.S. concept is wrong. This is putting all your eggs in one basket. If a natural disaster (tornado) or terror act were to happen at the mega school no matter how much insurance money the district has, it is going to take a lot of time to re-build the site. The students might have to be bused to other district H.S. or they would have to attend a district closed elementary school to finish the year.

As far as Lahser being old, the GM Tech Center was built in the early 1950's. All of the old buildings have been retro fitted with computers, Wi-Fi connections, server rooms, with wiring above the dropped ceilings and under floors. These buildings had been painted with lead based paint asbestos pipe insulation. Even the window caulk had asbestos in it. This was all repaired and up dated.

My daughter graduated from Lahser in 2000. I was in the building several times and it was a darn nice building.

If the Superintendent, school board and his executive staff cannot find and get enough students from other districts to fill some of the finest two H.S. schools in the State of Michigan open, then they aren't doing their job. Their pay and fringe benefits should be reduced or they should be fired. I bet there are many children in Pontiac who would love to attend Lahser to get the some of the best education in the State. If they can't keep these fine schools open and filled with students, then the Birmingham and Bloomfield districts should be merged with only one Superintendent and one school board and one executive staff. This would save money and eliminate a school district.

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