

DIALOG



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FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST

Greetings LPS Community,

As we wrap up the summer months and look forward to the start of a new school year in Livonia Public Schools, I cannot help but to be optimistic for the year ahead, and also grateful for all that our district will be able to offer our learners this year.

Coming off of a challenging year, due to COVID-19, we approach this school year with our eyes open wide and our arms open even wider. We stand at the ready to meet our students' academic and social-emotional needs as we head into this school year.

With state and federal COVID-19 relief resources, the district was able to add several teaching staff members, which will help keep our class sizes lower in many grades and subject areas. We know that smaller class sizes allow for more individualized instruction, which is a key factor in assessing where our students are academically, and fostering continued growth. Additionally, our district was able to add several support positions that will bolster our social-emotional guidance for our students. These positions include: social workers, support teachers, and student assistance providers, who will be crucial in meeting the needs of the "whole child," and can pave the way for growth, both social-emotionally and academically.

We are excited to kick off the school year with a robust professional development offering for our staff, refocusing our work as Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). This dynamic work enhances the synergy which comes from our collective efforts, focused on the students we serve.

This school year will also see the kick-off of the 2021 bond



projects throughout the district. We are eagerly planning for these improvements which include the installation of air conditioning in our schools; redesigned and reimagined media centers across the district; a new space for our robotics teams; expanded career technical program environments; and a brand new state-of-the-art early childhood center, just to name a few. These projects will not all be completed this school year, of course, but we are thrilled to have architects and engineers already putting pencil to paper.

Lastly, it is my wish for the 2021-2022 school year that we continue to soar together as a unified community - our parents, students, and staff all working together to support, guide, encourage, and celebrate our more than 13,000 students who call LPS their home. We are a village. Our children benefit when we come together to move forward and accelerate into the bright future that is on the horizon. With a hopeful eye on the future, we thank you for your partnership!

With gratitude,
Andrea Oquist

Superintendent



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

New to LPS? Take a tour of our schools!

We are offering a special opportunity for new LPS resident families with elementary-aged children (K-4) to take a tour of their school!

Tours will be held at the following schools on
Tuesday, August 24 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
No reservations are needed, but please arrive promptly.

Buchanan
Coolidge
Hayes
Kennedy
Roosevelt

Cleveland
Grant
Hoover
Randolph
Rosedale

New family tours at Niji-Iro will be held on
August 4 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SUMMER 2021 REGISTRATION: BEGIN REGISTRATION ONLINE!

New families can begin the process of registering their students online.

To begin the registration process, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration and complete the online packet. If you do not have access to a computer, we will have computers and printers available for your use. (Appointments required.)

If you have questions or would like to know which school your child will attend, please email registration@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-744-2541. **You MUST present all required documentation in person for registration to be considered complete. Appointments required.**

Jackson Center registers students year-round. Please call 734-744-2813 for more information. To register your child for the specialized early childhood programs, please call 734-744-2813, ext. 22902.

HEALTH RECORDS REQUIRED FOR NEW STUDENTS

All new students must have up-to-date immunization records, or a waiver from the Wayne County Health Department. Vision records are required for incoming kindergartners. Contact Pupil Accounting at 734-744-2541 or email registration@livoniapublicschools.org with any questions.

BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE INFORMATION

734-744-2813 x 22130
livoniapublicschools.org/sacc

Office hours are Monday through Friday,
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

The breakfast program begins in all schools (except Niji-Iro) September 7. The lunch program begins in middle and high schools on September 7, and in elementary schools September 8. Niji-Iro's lunch program begins August 12.

Please visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/foodservice for more information. Call 734-744-2820 with questions.

REGISTRATION: SUMMER 2021

K-6 STUDENTS

Centralized Registration is offered for K-6 students during the summer months at Stevenson High School in LMC 22, located at 33500 W Six Mile Rd. Follow the signs to door 48.

The office is available for scheduled appointments only.
Call 734-744-2541 with questions.

Summer Registration Information

July 12-September 2

Monday/Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday/Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

CLOSED FRIDAYS

September 7-10:

Administration Building 15125 Farmington Rd.

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CLOSED LABOR DAY

Beginning September 13, all registrations will be completed through your child's school.

7-12 STUDENTS

Summer registration for students in grades 7-12 will be facilitated through the assigned school.

Appointments are required.

JULY 12-SEPTEMBER 2

MONDAY-THURSDAY,

9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

CLOSED FRIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 7-10

MONDAY-FRIDAY,

7:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

CLOSED LABOR DAY

Emerson Middle School
734-744-2665

Churchill High School
734-744-2650, ext. 46913

Frost Middle School
734-744-2670

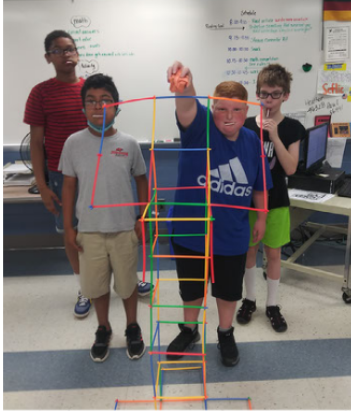
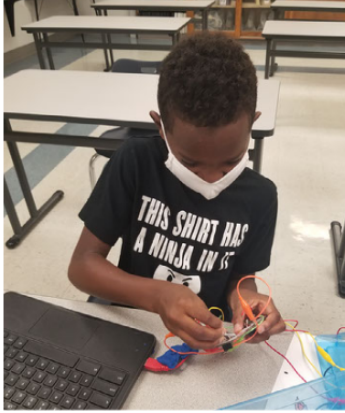
Franklin High School
734-744-2655, ext. 47913

Holmes Middle School
734-744-2675

Stevenson High School
734-744-2660, ext. 48913



LPS SUMMER PROGRAMS

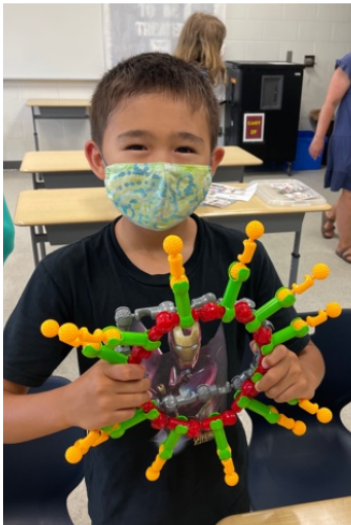


Livonia Public Schools proudly presented a variety of learning opportunities during the summer months.

Learning in L-Town served approximately 3,000 students through a full menu of academic camps, high school credit recovery, tutoring, book clubs, and Family Fun Fridays.



Program themes ranged from "Robots & Roadmaps" to fun with Olympics ... and even a program entitled, "Edible & Exploding Science!"



LPS is grateful for the COVID relief funds and our amazing staff members who planned and carried out these programs for our students!



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To contact the LPS Communications office, please call (734) 744-2522, or email communications@livoniapublicschools.org.



LPS PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Preschool Early Childhood Classes and Childcare
Jackson Center: 734-744-2813

Specialized Early Childhood Programs
734-744-2813, ext. 22990

Adult and Continuing Education

The Adult and Continuing Education Program provides adults and youth with opportunities for obtaining a GED or high school diploma, enhancing basic skills, and training for the workforce. LPS high school students, 16 years and older, can attend night school classes for credit recovery.

For more information, call 734-744-2603, or visit us online at www.livoniapublicschools.org/adult_ed.

WHERE TO FIND SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

www.livoniapublicschools.org

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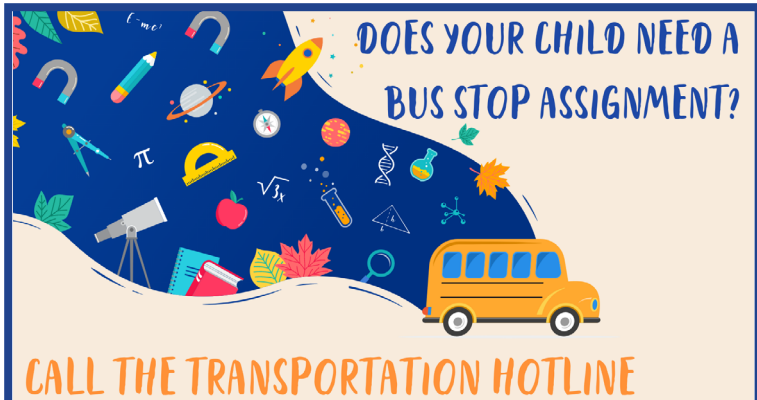
Phone/Email

Be sure you have an email address on file.

Go to www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect for more information, or confirm with your child's school.



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Contact the Transportation Hotline from Monday, August 30 through Thursday, September 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. by calling 734-744-2618, or email lbsbus@livoniapublicschools.org. Due to the high volume of calls received, please leave a message if prompted. **Please leave only one message. Calls will be returned in the order in which they are received. Leaving multiple messages may delay return phone calls.**

The hotline is only for students who do not have an assigned bus stop. Bus stops are assigned only to students who are eligible for transportation.

Please remember, this is a very busy time of year. It may take 2-3 days to assign a bus stop for your eligible student, so please call right away to ensure adequate time to process your request for transportation services.

Parents of Current Students

Your student's bus schedule is online and available for viewing after September 1 in ParentConnect using your password and PIN.

If you do not have internet access, please let us know by calling 734-744-2618. If you have internet access but do not remember your username and password, click "Need your login information?" on the Parent Connect homepage and follow the prompts. If you have other questions, please email parentconnect@livoniapublicschools.org.

Parents of New Students

After registering your student(s), you will be emailed a ParentConnect password and personal identification number (PIN), along with directions on how to access ParentConnect. You can use ParentConnect to view transportation, attendance, grades, and other information for your students. Within 3-5 business days of registering your student(s), transportation eligibility information will be available in ParentConnect for viewing.

If your elementary or middle school student is eligible for transportation, the bus pick-up and drop-off times, along with your student's bus stop location, will be listed on the ParentConnect screen. To access this information, log onto ParentConnect and click on the Demographics link, then select the Transport Info link (on the bottom right hand side of the screen) to view detailed bus information. New students who are eligible for transportation should request a bus stop assignment at the time of registration.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please note: We make every effort to provide accurate information to our families. However, changes must occasionally be made to dates and/or times. Please be sure to check your child's school website for the most current information.



ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSES

Lower Elementary

Buchanan	Thurs., Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m.
Cleveland	Tues., Sept. 7, 6:00 p.m.
Coolidge	Mon., Sept. 13, 5:00 p.m.
Grant	Thurs. Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Hayes	Wed., Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Hoover	Tues., Sept. 14, 6:00 p.m.
Kennedy	Tues., Aug. 31, 6:00 p.m.
Randolph	Tues. Aug. 31, 5:00 p.m.
Roosevelt	Tues., Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.
Rosedale	Mon., Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.
Webster	Wed., Sept. 1, 4:30 p.m.
Niji-Iro	Wed., August 25, 6:45 p.m.

Upper Elementary

Cooper	Weds., Sept. 1: 5th: 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6th: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Johnson	Weds., Sept. 1: 5th: 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6th: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Riley	Weds., Sept. 1: 5th: 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6th: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

We look forward to having all our elementary students and their families visit their school, see the classrooms, and meet the teachers during the Open Houses. During the first week of school, parents will receive information about a virtual curriculum night. The events will be scheduled by grade level, and will allow parents to learn about the curriculum and academic expectations, as well as ask questions. All sessions will be recorded for families who are not able to attend live.

2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. Please refer to the school websites for most current information throughout the year.

August 12	Niji-Iro: First day of school
September 7	First day of school
October 14-15	HALF DAY: Elementary, a.m. only
October 20-21	HALF DAY: Middle and high school, a.m. only
November 2	NO SCHOOL: Staff PD day
November 24-26	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 20 - Dec. 31	NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess
January 17	NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 25-27	HALF DAY: High school (9-12), a.m. only
January 26-27	HALF DAY: Middle school (7-8), a.m. only
January 28	NO SCHOOL: Middle and high school
February 21	NO SCHOOL: Midwinter Recess
March 11	HALF DAY: Elementary, a.m. only
March 18	HALF DAY: All students, a.m. only
March 28-April 1	NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
April 15	NO SCHOOL
May 27	HALF DAY: All students, a.m. only
May 30	NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
June 15-17	HALF DAY: Grades 9-12 exams, a.m. only
June 16-17	HALF DAY: All students, a.m. only
June 17	Last day of student attendance

**Access your
ParentConnect
account**

livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect

LOGIN



Beginning August 17, 2021, all parents are required to login to ParentConnect to complete the electronic back-to-school information packet for each child prior to the first day of school

ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES K-6)

Class assignments will be available on ParentConnect on September 1 by 5 p.m. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Tuesday, September 7 - Half Day

Students attend in morning only.

K-4: 8:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

5-6: 8:25 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Transportation and breakfast program begin on September 7.

Wednesday, September 8 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins

K-4: 8:55 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

5-6: 8:25 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lunch program begins on September 8 for grades K-6.

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES 1-6)

Elementary class assignments for ACAT students will be available on September 1 on ParentConnect.

Tuesday, September 7 - Half Day

All Webster students attend in morning only, from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Transportation and breakfast program begin on September 7.

Wednesday, September 8 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins, from 8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Lunch program begins on September 8.

CENTER PROGRAM STUDENTS

Bus assignments for students being transported to the center programs within or outside of the district will be listed in ParentConnect on Wednesday, September 1 by 5 p.m.

NIJI-IRO JAPANESE IMMERSION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-6)

Thursday, August 12 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins, from 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Lunch program begins on August 12.

Breakfast is not available at Niji-Iro.



Information on class assignments, first week schedules, & open houses for students in grades 7-12 and post-secondary will be communicated by the schools via e-mail

PROVIDING FOR OUR FAMILIES

LPS is pleased to offer the following assistance to all families as we start the 2021-2022 school year.



FREE MEALS

All students will be eligible to receive free school breakfast and lunch, every day. Meals will be free of charge; a la carte items will be available for a fee.

It is important to note, all families who normally qualify for Free or Reduced Meals should still fill out the federal application through our website in order to continue to receive other financial assistance: livoniapublicschools.org/foodservice



School Supplies

The district is proud to be able to provide many of the school supplies that will be needed in classrooms this school year. This will greatly reduce the "suggested school supplies" lists for parents and guardians. Those lists are posted on elementary school websites.

Middle and high school students will receive lists from individual teachers.



REDUCED PAY TO PARTICIPATE FEES

In an effort to support our families, LPS has reduced the Pay to Participate fee structure for middle and high school athletics. The following fees will apply, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year:

Middle School Sports

- Standard Fee: \$100
- Reduced Lunch Fee: \$50
- Free Lunch Fee: \$25

This is a flat fee that covers all sports for the 21-22 school year.

High School Sports

- **Standard Fee:**
\$125 for first sport;
\$125 for second sport;
third sport is free of charge.
- **Reduced Lunch Fee:**
\$50 for first sport;
\$50 for second sport;
third sport is free of charge.
- **Free Lunch Fee:**
\$25 for first sport;
\$25 for second sport;
third sport is free of charge.

SECONDARY PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

MACAT (HOUSED AT FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL)

The Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) Program is the District's middle school program designed for students of high ability and high achievement in all academic areas. The MACAT curriculum consists of classes in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The current process for entering MACAT begins with the grade level testing that every LPS 6th grade student participates in. Based on the results of these tests, letters are sent to parents and guardians to inform them of the opportunity to have their student considered for the MACAT Program for 7th grade. A selection committee comprised of teachers and administrators then selects the MACAT students from the students who have returned the nomination materials.

Please email macat@livoniapublicschools.org with questions.

MSC (HOUSED AT CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL)

The Livonia Public Schools Math/Science/Computer (MSC) Program provides a concentration in math/science/computer science to students in grades 9-12 who have a high level of achievement and interest in the areas of math and science. MSC students split their day between regular study and MSC classes.

Eighth grade students who will have completed Algebra 1 by June 2022 are eligible to apply for the MSC Program for 9th grade. MSC students become full-time Churchill High School students. Transportation to Churchill is provided for MSC students who live in the Franklin and Stevenson attendance areas. Parents of LPS students who fit the Algebra eligibility guideline will be notified in late October 2021 of the opportunity for the student to apply to the MSC Program for the fall of 2022.

Applications for all students are due by Thursday, November 18, 2021. Testing for fall 2022 admission to the MSC Program is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021.

The MSC Program is open to LPS students only. Students in eighth grade residing within the district but not currently enrolled in LPS should contact msc@livoniapublicschools.org for more information. Due to the recommendation and testing requirements, non-LPS students residing within district boundaries must submit application requests for fall 2022 by Friday, October 22, 2021.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

More information about the MACAT and MSC programs can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/Academically_Talented.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law that affords parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. They include the right to: inspect and review records; request an amendment to records; consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information in student's records (except in instances where disclosure without consent is allowed); file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students." See full policy at livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

McKinney Vento Act

Livonia Public Schools follows federal mandates for the McKinney Vento Act by enrolling any homeless children who lack a regular and adequate night-time residence. Homeless children are placed according

to their best interests, and have the same rights as resident students. If you are aware of children in this circumstance, please refer them to our homeless liaison, Cindy Pierson at 734-744-2535.

Child Find (Student evaluations)

If your child is between birth and age five, and you suspect that they may have a special need or developmental delay, please call 1-800-EARLYON (for birth to age three) or 734-744-2765. If your child is enrolled in LPS in grades K-12 and you suspect a special need or disability, please contact the administrator at your child's school or the Student Services Department at 734-744-2524.

Lost or Stolen Property

Livonia Public Schools and its staff members are not liable for damage to or loss of personal property of students. It is suggested that items brought to school by your child and deemed by you to have substantial value be insured separately on your homeowner's policy.

AHERA Update

LPS, as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) conducts ongoing surveillance and re-inspection programs for asbestos. LPS has an ongoing operations and maintenance program to address the asbestos in the buildings

owned and operated by the district. Visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices for the annual update and information.

Integrated Pest Management

Occasionally, Livonia Public Schools may apply pesticides to our schools, school grounds, and athletic areas. As parents and guardians, you have the right to be notified prior to such applications.

If you wish to be notified via first class mail or e-mail, please contact Harry Lau at hlau@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2511.

A posting of pesticides used inside or outside of any LPS building will be placed in advance at the entrance of the building, and on the Livonia Public Schools website. In an emergency situation, LPS may make an application without prior notification to parents or guardians; however, parents/guardians will be notified of the application after it occurs.

Further information regarding pesticides can be obtained by contacting The National Pesticide Information Center at 800-858-7378.



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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS

TALL COP

JERMAINE GALLOWAY



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YOU CAN'T STOP WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW

Virtual Program

August 31, 2021 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.



WHO IS TALL COP?

It's no secret why 6'9" Officer Jermaine Galloway goes by Tall Cop.

Officer Galloway has more than 18 years of law enforcement experience, and now spends his time educating communities on substance abuse. He is passionate about equipping communities with the tools to recognize and prevent substance abuse, and has trained more than 650,000 people across the world.

To learn more about the Tall Cop program, visit tallcopsaysstop.com.

In his presentation "You Can't Stop What You Don't Know," Officer Jermaine Galloway will teach parents to recognize signs of substance abuse in children, and will also address other social-emotional concerns stemming from the pandemic.

Before the presentation, Officer Galloway will conduct a community scan. During this scan, he will research the local area to gather information on the drug and alcohol culture in the community. His insights will be provided in the presentation.

Parents and community members are invited to join this webinar to learn valuable information and techniques to help recognize and prevent substance abuse in local youth.

The link for the webinar will be posted at livoniapublicschools.org.

This will be a live webinar; no recording or replays.

Grants for this program are provided by Livonia Public Schools, LPS Education Foundation, and Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition.

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LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The mission of the LPS Education Foundation is to enlarge the resources available to the school district which will foster and expand educational opportunities for programs impacting students by building effective collaborations.



PORTRAITS ON THE PORCH

The Foundation's first Portraits on the Porch event this spring was an instant hit! More than 50 families took advantage of the opportunity to receive a photography session on the porch of the historical Hill House at Greenmead. For a donation of \$25, participants received a 10-minute photography session, as well as digital copies of the best photos from their session.

Due to the overwhelming support for Portraits on the Porch, the Foundation is planning a second event for the fall.

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SAVE THE DATE

VIRTUAL WINE & DINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

Celebrate Sweetest Day with a gourmet dinner and wine from Joe's Produce while connecting with friends and guests through a live-streamed program on Zoom!

ANNUAL FOUNDATION LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Featured speaker: Brig Sorber,
CEO of Two Men and a Truck

**BUY OR LEASE A VEHICLE, AND \$200 WILL BE
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Bring this coupon to Bill Brown Ford or Feldman Chevrolet of Livonia when purchasing or leasing a new or used vehicle. Does not include prior sales.

Coupon must be presented at time of purchase.
For more information, call the LPS Education Foundation at 734-744-2510.