



Comstock Park Public Schools
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ETHAN EBENSTEIN
Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

This letter is to notify you that Comstock Park Public Schools is currently conducting a study to examine moving our district's kindergarten programming from Greenridge Elementary to Stoney Creek Elementary next fall.

Like many districts in Kent County, our kindergarten enrollment numbers for next fall are lower than traditional numbers. This has been primarily attributed to a lower county birth rate as well as continued fluctuations in the housing market stemming from Michigan's tenuous economic climate.

We are exploring the feasibility of Stoney Creek Elementary housing grades K-2 for the 2010-2011 school year; a model adopted by several districts our size around the state. We are not exploring a model like many other Kent County districts where students are housed in K-4 configurations. Preschool and other special programs would continue to operate at Greenridge Elementary.

A final decision has not been made. There are many factors to be considered before such a move may take place. Among these considerations include staff training and development, instructional delivery format, multi-grade professional development, and economic savings. The district is also facing a reduction in administrative personnel, as Mrs. Reehl will be Principal of both Greenridge and Stoney Creek Elementary Schools next fall.

Once a final decision has been made, a written communication will be sent out to all families with registered incoming kindergarten students.

Thank you for your time and continued support of Comstock Park Public Schools and its early education programming.

Respectfully,

Ethan Ebenstein, Superintendent

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