



# GALIEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Former Galien Twp. School District Resident:

On September 1, 2015, I received notification from the Michigan Department of Education that the 20-day period provided by statute to appeal the action of the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency (Berrien RESA) to the State Superintendent had expired and no appeal of the Berrien RESA order had been filed. Therefore, in accordance with MCL 380.922(1) (b), the Berrien RESA's July 27, 2015 order to divide the Galien Township School District along a line from Gardner Road to the Indiana state line and attach its territory to Buchanan Community Schools and River Valley School District has the full effect of law. The Galien Township School District is officially dissolved. A presentation of the entire dissolution process can be found at [www.galienschools.org](http://www.galienschools.org) (click on the Special Board Hearing link).

All school district records are now located at Berrien RESA. Former students who need copies of transcripts may contact Berrien RESA at 269-471-7725 ext. 1160 for assistance.

As you may be aware, the Galien Township Board of Education was able to sell the buildings, remaining property and land for \$175,000 to Cornell North, LLC prior to the dissolution of the district. The proceeds from this sale have already been deposited into the district's 2015 School Bond Debt Retirement Fund and will be used to pay down the \$1.2 million bond debt scheduled to be retired in 2021. In addition, and as one of its final actions, the Board of Education also passed a resolution to transfer the remaining \$455,333 from its General Fund into the 2015 School Bond Debt Retirement Fund to help pay down the bond debt. Both of these deposits will have a substantial impact on reducing the 2.2 mills of bond indebtedness for the former Galien Township School District residents.

Finally, I would like to thank the Galien Township School Board members, Anne Goodenough, President, Joyce Hickok, Vice-President, Donna Lausch, Secretary, Delores Worden, Treasurer, Freida Keefer, Trustee, Shirley Truhn, Trustee and Karl Strefling, Trustee, for their years of dedicated service to the school district and the community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin M. Ivers, Acting Superintendent