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RE: Board, students mark official beginning of Zemmer work

A cloudless sky and warm temperatures matched the occasion of the ground breaking at the site of the future Zemmer Middle School on Wednesday, May 20th.

A large group of parents, students, staff and community leaders were on hand to mark the official beginning of construction work to transform Zemmer Junior High School into a state-of-the-art Middle School.

Students Billy Irvine and Blake Clements, of Seaton; Martin Flores and Brooke Soroka, of Murphy; and MacKenzie Putnam and Brianna King, of Turrill Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Debbie Thompson welcomed everyone to the event and introduced the Zemmer Band, under the direction of Joann Royce, which played "This Is My Country."

Board of Education President William Laidlaw thanked the community for the passage of the 2007 bond and welcomed a bright future for the Lapeer Community Schools with the eventual completion of two new middle schools in the fall of 2010.

Board of Education members, William Laidlaw, Peggy Bush, John Nugent, Denise Becker, Michael Keller, Michael Nolan and Gary Oyster then officially broke ground for the new school.

Following the Board were student participants from several elementary schools that will eventually feed into the new school. Participating were: Logan Morys and Anthony Tholl, of Schickler Elementary; McKenna Carr and Ryan Klingler, of Maple Grove Elementary; Olivia Petrie and Jessica Creason, of Mayfield Elementary; Allison Ciak and Matthew Gizinski, of Lynch Elementary; Billy Irvine and Blake Clements, of Seaton Elementary; Martin Flores and Brooke Soroka, of Murphy Elementary; and MacKenzie Putnam and Brianna King, of Turrill Elementary.

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