

EDUCATION IN THE BRIGHTON AREA POST 1900 (Conclusion)

The consolidation of country schools with the Brighton City system, during the 1950s, mimicked the trend throughout the state. Elementary schools were built in areas where the children lived. It is believed parents take a more personal interest if their child's school is nearby.

In 1951 West Elementary School, 1010 State Street, opened for grades 1-6. Now called the Carl H. Lindbom Elementary School, for the man who was its principal, 1951-83, it underwent major additions and renovations in 1970 and 1988.

1957 saw the construction of the Burton S. Miller Elementary School on the east side of town, 850 Spencer Road. Additions in 1970 and 1988 have greatly enlarged the building and it is now the Miller Early Childhood Center and also houses facilities for the use of Brighton Senior Citizens.

The elementary school at 8900 Lee Road, south of town, named after H. Gordon Hawkins, a long time superintendent, was built in 1960. 1970 and 1988 saw major remodeling and substantial new construction.

A new high school was built in 1966, 7878 Brighton Road. In 1973 a large addition was constructed and the pool added in 1978.

The Spencer Road Elementary School, 10639 Spencer Road, was built in 1973. Obviously named after its location, northeast of town, which was most likely named after John G. Spencer, an early settler in the area.

Need for a second middle school prompted the construction of Maltby Middle School, 4740 Bauer Road in 1977; named after the family which built the first saw mill in Brighton in 1834.

That same year, 1977, the Elenor V. Hornung Elementary School was built at 4680 Bauer Road. Miss Hornung was a teacher in the school system for 34 years.

Residents of the area have always been convinced that to become responsible citizens, various opportunities must be available for their children's instruction. The school district continues the long tradition of continued construction and improvement of educational facilities and curricula for area pupils. The recent passage of a bond issue has resulted in the recent ground breaking for a new elementary school on Hilton Road in Brighton Township. A new middle school is planned in Green Oak Township in addition to enlargements to the high school in 1995. (Compiled and edited by Marieanna Bair with thanks to: Josephine Hyne, Brenda McCarty, Alice Newcomb, Colt Parks, Dorothy Pennala and 'Michigan Memorabilia' by Wm. Pless.)

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