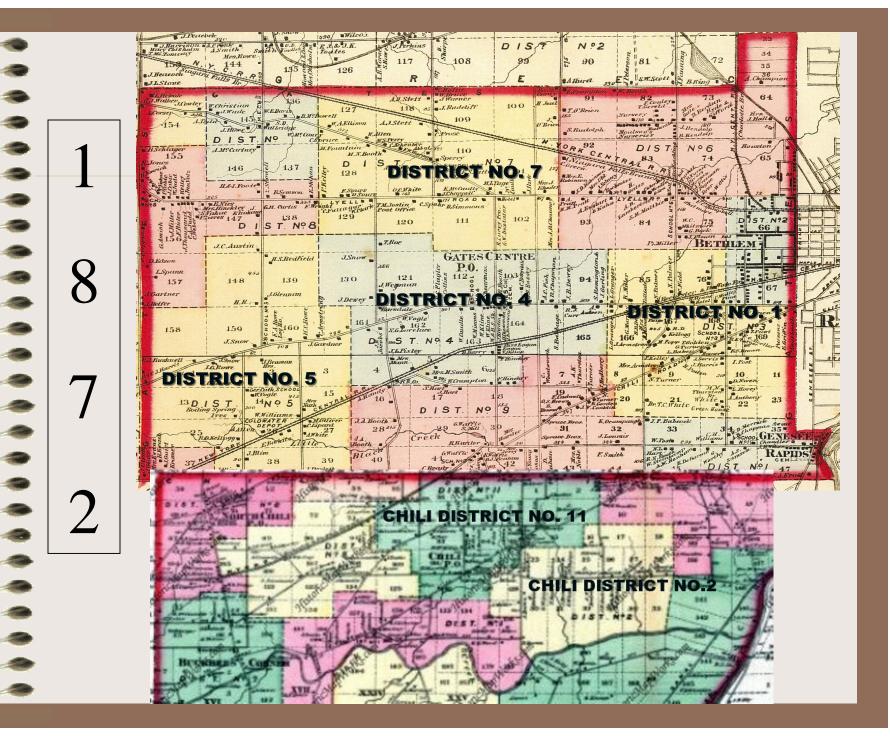
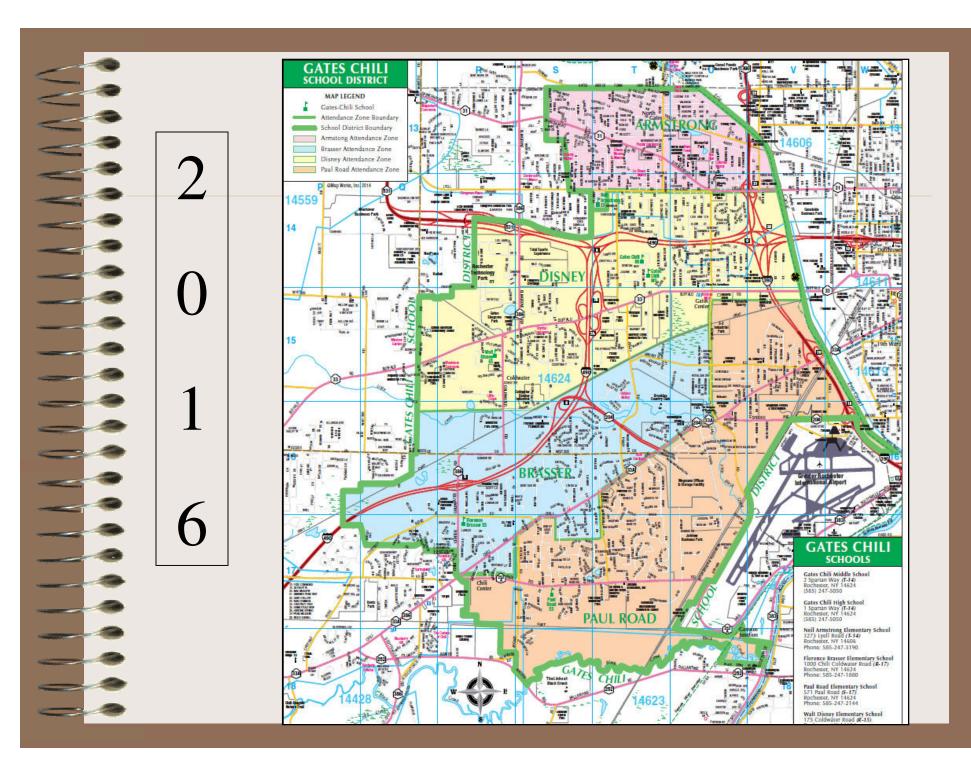
# History of the Gates Chili CSD





#### Timeline

- 10/3/1826: Gates District #1 opens (WI)
- 9/1/1827: Gates District #7 opens (WH)
- 9/1/1837: Gates District #4 opens (TE)
- 1/4/1855: Chili #11 opens (FB)

#### Timeline

- Gates District #5 and Chili District #2 are contract districts (no school buildings)
- 11/8/1954: Study to merge Gates Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and Chili 2, 11
- 12/8/1955: Centralization Vote 1680 Yes, 111 No

#### FORMING THE DISTRICT

- 1/11/1956: First Organizational Meeting
- 4/30-5/1/1956: First Annual Meeting
  - Budget approved: \$1,064,100
  - Land Purchase: \$96,000(Vogel/Meisenzahl Farms)
- 5/7/1956: Cecil Luffman, Supervising Principal
  - Vote: 8-1 (Too old and does not live in district)

#### FORMING THE DISTRICT

- 6/28/1956: Bond Vote 711 Yes 148 No
  - -Jr./SR/ HS: \$3,410.000
  - -Administration, \$40,000
  - -Bus Garage, \$30,000
- 7/1/56: Central School District #1 of the Towns of Gates and Chili officially opens

#### FIRST SCHOOL BOARD/ADMINISTRATORS - 1956



First female member: Judi Anne Janette, 1971 First African-American member: Bleaka Foy, 1977

## Some Highlights

- 3/21/1973: Board of Education submits request to SED to change the name of the district to "Gates Chili Central School District" (no hyphen).
- 7/30/1973: Certificate of Approval for name changed received from the University of the State of New York, Commissioner Leo A. Soucy.

## Some Highlights

- Longest serving teachers:
  - Jeanette Dick, WI, Elementary/Reading, 1922-1967
  - Tom McManis, HS Mathematics, 1964 2002
- Longest serving administrators:
  - Lowell Benjamin, Jr. HS/Middle School, 1960-1993
  - Everett Chaffee, Washington Irving, 1934 –1965
  - Larry Lazenby, GC HS, 1977 2005
  - William Dadey, Superintendent, 1977 2003
- District Historian:
  - George Peterson, 1962

## Some Highlights

- A new high school was voted down 3 times: twice in 1969 and once in 1970.
- The Board was planning to open a seventh elementary school.
- Estimated 75/76 deficit was \$1.25 million
  - State Legislature approved a TAN of \$981,000 to cover deficit
  - Final Audit finds deficit was \$589,000

## 60th Anniversary Activities

- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
  - Formed March 2016
- Design of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo
  - Allison Kunz
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary clothing
  - Hoodies
  - Sweaters
  - T-shirts
  - Golf shirts
- Spartans On Parade

## 60th Anniversary Activities

- Engraved brick pavers
- New Time Capsule
- Events:
  - Kick Off June 25 at the Gates Celebration
  - Family Fun Day March 13
  - Anniversary Gala April 28
  - Wrap Up June 24 at the Gates Celebration