

# Harper Creek Community Schools

Dear Parents,

A recently enacted Michigan law amended the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1147), which changed the entry age for kindergarten in Michigan. This required children to be five years of age by September 1 rather than the previous “cut-off” date of December 1.

- **2019/2020 School Year**: A child who resides in a public school district or seeking enrollment at a public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll if the child is at least (5) years of age on **September 1, 2019**.

For the 2019/2020 school year, if a child residing in the School District is not five years of age on or before September 1, 2019, but will be five years of age no later than December 1, 2019, the child may be enrolled in kindergarten for the 2019/2020 school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten. The school district may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian that the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child’s age or other factors, but the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child.

Our School District has prepared an early entry form for children who will not be five years of age by September 1, 2019, but will be five years of age by December 1, 2019, and whose parent or legal guardian wishes to enroll in kindergarten in the fall of 2019. The early entry form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and submitted to the District.

If you have any questions about kindergarten enrollment, please call the school at: 269-441-6571.

Sincerely,

Rob Ridgeway

