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## LeanSchools eNews August 2008



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LEAN THINKING FOR SCHOOLS™**

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*Welcome to the LeanSchools™ eNews from the Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute. This is a monthly communiqué of the best in thinking for Lean schools. We invite you to read the information and realize that great strides can be made in the journey when you connect with others.*

Who is Lean? Which organizations subscribe to Lean principles? There are many success stories of organizations in the midst of their own Lean journeys, including:

1. The City of Grand Rapids

<http://www.lean.org/Community/Registered/ArticleDocuments/GrandRapidsfinal.pdf>

2. The Columbus Public Schools

<http://www.lean.org/Community/Registered/ArticleDocuments/Columbus%20Public%20Schools.pdf>

3. In Michigan, the Reeths-Puffer School District and the ISD's in Washtenaw, Oakland, Macomb and Newaygo all have teamed with the Pawley Institute, turning to Lean as a platform for expanding value and efficiency. Read Shannon's recent interview about "Lean Thinking for Schools" in Education Report at:

<http://www.educationreport.org/pubs/mer/article.aspx?id=9674>

*Feel free to forward this information by e-mail to a friend as the LeanSchools community is a growing network of improvement champions!*

All the best,

**Shannon Flumerfelt**  
Kevin Brockberg

Education Report

**Twenty-four districts in a deficit in 2007-2008--Lean thinking can help**

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