



Dear Parker Middle School Families and Community Members,

LOC has a long history in the financial education of our young members through our student-run credit unions at local schools. This March we will be hosting an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Financial Reality Fair for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Parker Middle School.

A Financial Reality Fair is an interactive learning experience that allows students to simulate managing their own expenses for a month in the real world. Eighth grade students actively discover for themselves the choices that will affect their financial future as a part time employed high school student, they make decisions on expenditures while balancing their budgets. Students will choose from a bank of age appropriate part time jobs and will receive a budget worksheet. They then visit several stations to obtain the goods and services they would purchase, such as food, transportation including their first auto loan and planning for college. Students will end their fair experience with financial counseling to ensure they have properly balanced their budgets, as well as selected options that are financially fit.

Part of the success of these Financial Reality Fairs is due to the participation of parents and families of students as well as community members.

We would like to invite you to participate and support your school and students by volunteering at one of our stations. Below are the details of our event:

LOC Middle School Financial Reality Fair  
Friday, March 9, 2018  
7:30 am – 10:30 am  
Parker Middle School – Gymnasium  
400 Wright Rd.  
Howell, MI 48843

Please contact Stephanie Cole at [scole@locfederal.com](mailto:scole@locfederal.com) or 248.919.5824 by February 21, 2018 to discuss your involvement in this event. You may register to volunteer at <https://goo.gl/E35kGaf>  
We look forward to partnering with you for this unique experience.

Sincerely,

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