In 1949, Harry S. Truman was president. China became a communist country and Russia had the nuclear bomb which increased the tension between East and West (The Cold War). North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was established and the Federal Republic of Germany officially founded. RCA perfected a system for broadcasting color television and the first 45 RPM vinyl record was released. Automatic street lights had just been invented.

Locally, 17 rural schools were joining to form the Marion Rural Independent School District. At that time, 287 students were enrolled K-8. Tenth Street was lined with farm fields as were most of the other current Linn-Mar school building sites. Despite a district name change in 1959 and three merger votes with Marion Independent, all of which failed, Linn-Mar has had continual growth and retained a sense of community for over five decades.

Today, seven elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school are located throughout the District. Almost 1,000 staff serve the educational needs of 6,500 students kindergarten through twelfth grade. Whether busing, cooking or teaching, Linn-Mar staff are dedicated to the quality of the educational experience for all students.

In the future, Linn-Mar is planning for additional schools. The School Board recently approved a purchase of nearly 90 acres at the corner of C Avenue Extension and Echo Hill Road. This parcel of land has many possibilities including space for an additional secondary building. This fall construction will begin on a multipurpose stadium that will be home to Lion football, track, soccer and marching band. Buildings and Grounds, Transportation and the Educational Services Center will be moving to accommodate parking and grounds space for the facility. Staff from the Educational Services Center will move to the Learning Resource Center (LRC), formerly Novak Elementary, once the Novak Elementary at 401 29th Avenue is complete.

Ever growing, ever changing, Linn-Mar is celebrating 60 Years of Educational Excellence.

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#4 Martin’s Creek
#5 Pleasant Grove (formerly Lucore)
#6 Hazel Ridge
#7 Piqua
#8 Millwood
#9 Big Head
#10 Concord
#11 Pleasant Grove (two room)
#12 Prairie Union
#14 North Star
#15 Wildcat
#16 Excelsior
#17 Hillsdale
#18 Prairie Ridge
#19 Sunny-side
#20 Lakeside

* Dates on photos are approximate. If you have additional historical information please contact Information Services at (319) 447-3005.

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