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STICK AROUND, OLD PAINT

JULY 25, 2008 -- Andrew Schrock, among the crew from Paragon Painting LLC, Kalamazoo, follows instruction to remove only loose flaking paint from The Old School House in preparation for repainting. Preservationists argue against stripping or power sanding historically coated surfaces, noting that the old paint is part of the building's heritage, and wherever firm must be left in place to continue protecting the wood while giving the new paint richer texture and historic interest. The new topcoat, selected by the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society to match a white popular in the mid-1800s, will have a satin finish slightly more gray than the current white surface. For more information on, and photos of, progress toward converting the Old School House into a new Heritage Discovery Center, visit [www.sdhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.sdhistoricalsociety.org).

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