



# *New Hope School District*

*"Excellence in Education for Children"*

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August 3, 2021

Hello Families,

I'm Clint Johnson, and I am honored to serve the Thornton school community as your Superintendent/Principal of New Hope Elementary School District. I have been on campus during the last month and I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to see the students on the first day of school.

I'm optimistic the 2021-2022 school year will be a great year for students and families. Our teachers have been working in the classrooms over the summer planning for full-time, in-person instruction. **Class lists will be posted on Tuesday, August 10t, by 4:30 pm, in front of the office.**

**School begins at 8:15 for all students. Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten will be dismissed at 1:05 and first through eighth grades will be dismissed at 2:30.**

See the year long calendar on our website ([www.nhesd.net](http://www.nhesd.net)) for Minimum days, holidays, and other days we are not in session .

Students will line up in front of the school like they did at the conclusion of last year. Staff will be available to guide students to where they need to be. At 8:15, teachers will walk their classes into their classrooms to begin the school year. In order to minimize our contacts, we need all families to remain outside of the campus.

Both breakfast and lunch are free for all students. Breakfast will be served at the end of the school day to be eaten the next day, just like last year.

As always, we will keep students and staff safety a priority by wearing masks or shields while inside any building or classroom. When staff and students are outside or eating, they may remove their masks. **Our school will follow all safety regulations from our local and state public health officers to ensure our students and staff remain safe and healthy.** If you need to visit our office, please wear a mask.

Unfortunately, **we will not be able to provide bus transportation to start the school year.** We currently do not have a bus driver, although we intend to train a staff member as soon as possible. As I get more familiar with the time frame of certifying a bus driver, I will let you know when to expect bus transportation. Meanwhile, you will need to

provide transportation for your child to and from school. We understand this is an inconvenience for families and I assure you we are moving forward.

Our **Back-To-School-Night** will be **Thursday, August 12, for K-4th grades and Friday, August 13, for 5th-8th grades**. We will have two sessions, the first session will begin at 4:00.

As you know, more information will be coming home with your child the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 794-2376.

Sincerely,

Clint Johnson  
Superintendent/Principal  
New Hope Elementary School District