

July 6, 2022

Highland CUSD No. 5 Parents and Staff,

Good afternoon, I want to thank all of you who supported Highland CUSD No. 5 in the referendum question in last week's election. The results must be certified before any action can take place. The District will immediately begin the engineering and design of a new Highland Primary building and addition to Highland Middle School to address concerns regarding safety and security for our students and staff. We anticipate this portion of the project taking a couple to several months before the bidding process begins and ground is broken. The anticipated completion timeline for the new construction is estimated to be December 2024.

I will provide updates periodically to demonstrate advancement towards our ultimate goals. I also welcome feedback along the way. Committees of teachers and staff will likely be formed in August to assist in developing plans to address needs of the learning environment as well as safety and security of our schools. I am grateful for the continued support of our parents and community including the desire for facilities that meet the needs of our students and staff.

We have been preparing for next school year for several months. The summer time is essential for us to ensure maintenance and cleaning of our facilities and plan for staffing to start the new year. This year has been especially busy with the lack of candidates for many of our non-certified positions. We have several positions still available in custodial and program assistants if you know anyone interested in this type of work. Please refer potential candidates to our website or call the main office at 654-2106.

Registration for the 2022-23 school year became available online using the PowerSchool service on July 5th. The school buildings in Highland and Alhambra will be open July 12th and 19th between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to provide internet access for those who do not have internet access to complete the registration process. We encourage all parents to use the online registration on their own. This process is secure and green to quickly obtain accurate information on your student. Please refer any questions to the Administrative Center at 654-2106. Complete registration information is posted on the district website at www.highlandcUSD5.org.

If your student will not attend Highland CUSD No. 5 this year, kindly let us know. If your student is planning to attend, but absent for a series of days to start the school year, we will reach out to learn your intent. If we receive no response after the tenth sequential day, we will deactivate the enrollment of the student. If you have questions, please refer to the district website prior to contacting us. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this process.

I wish you all a great rest of summer and look forward to the start of another school year in August.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Sutton, Superintendent