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Happy Summer!

August 11, 2020

The staff at Hillsboro School District would like to welcome all new and returning students. We would also like to welcome our new HPS staff members:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher** – Olivia Anderson      **4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher** – Hayleigh Lault  
**JrHi/HS Art** – Nolan Kern      **JrHi LA/HS French** – Regan Christenson  
**GST Special Education (Elementary)** – Katy Ramey

In this letter there are important blue links that will take you to documents or websites to give you more information on our return to school. There are also forms to print off and return to the school. Please click on these blue links to see the information we are trying to share.

Due to COVID-19 many of our back to school routines have changed. The Hillsboro School Board approved the [2020-21 Return to Learn Plan](#) at our August 7<sup>th</sup> school board meeting. We are excited to have the students back in the buildings and teaching face to face. One of the big changes for this year is the requirement of masks. Masks are recommended by the CDC to be used in order to slow the spread. If we want to remain in school, this will help us keep the doors open to educate. Please read through the plan. If you have any questions, please view the [online parent webinar](#) that we held last week. If you have more questions, please email me at [paula.suda@k12.nd.us](mailto:paula.suda@k12.nd.us). Currently, ND is in the [green color phase](#) for education according to the Governor and as shown on the ND DPI website. This also means our **instructional model will be Plan 1** which allows us to continue traditional daily instruction on site. (Page 6 & 7 of Return to Learn Plan.)

Parents we ask that you please **do the following:**

1.) Refer to the [school fees form](#) and look to see what fees apply to your elementary, Junior High and/or High School aged children and drop off a check (make checks to HPS), or pay the school for these fees using e-Funds. Online payments can be made at [e-Funds](#).



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**Cash, credit cards, and checks** can be taken by the office staff.



Please note the JrHi/High School lunch amount increased to **\$3.05**.  
\*\*All students need a positive balance in their lunch account to begin the year.\*\*

Scan for e-Funds

- 2.) Please read and **fill out** the enclosed [Free & Reduced Lunch form](#) and return to the school office. All parents should apply. These applications help the school to receive additional funding for education. A letter will be sent to inform you if you qualify or not.
- 3.) Please read and **fill out** these [elementary](#) and [high school](#) contact forms **and return them** to the respective office for us to update your information. Please fill one out for each child that you have. It is **important** that we have updated information on file for each student.

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**. When school is in session there will be breakfast served at both schools starting at 8:10AM. The elementary students will begin school at 8:30AM and will have a staggered dismissal starting at 3:00PM. The junior high and high school students will begin school at 8:30AM and will have a staggered dismissal starting at 3:05PM. Please try to keep your elementary student home as long as you can before sending them to school to make morning recess more manageable. On the first day of school teachers will greet their students on the playground in order for parents to take pictures.

I'm looking forward to another great year. Thanks for your continued support throughout all of this.

Paula Suda, Superintendent

*School pictures on Wednesday, September 2nd!*



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