

August 16, 2017

Dear Bluehawk Educators,

Welcome back to the 2017-18 school year! I hope this letter is arriving at a time that finds you enjoying the final weeks of summer with family and friends. It is my pleasure to welcome you once again to an exciting opportunity to make a difference in the life of a student. In Hudson, all jobs are important and each of us contributes directly to the welfare and education of our children.

I am very pleased to share some important information regarding capital improvement initiatives that the Hudson City School District has implemented. The first phase of our two-phase capital improvement plan is nearing completion. This includes the renovation of classrooms at the M. C. Smith School to support the learning environment of grade 2 students, a newly renovated High School gymnasium, the addition of a driveway on the north side of the High School campus, and the spectacular construction of a track and turf soccer/football field behind the Jr./Sr. High School campus. There will be an official ribbon cutting to open the field before our first home football game on September 1st and a grand opening celebration is currently being planned for Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend and share in the festivities.

As usual, our Custodial and Maintenance staff has been busy working in preparation for the start of our school year. However, this year they have gone above and beyond and have done an outstanding job especially given the added work of the Capital Project!

To kick-off another wonderful school year in Hudson and establish our annual theme, I invite all district employees to attend our opening day convocation on Tuesday, September 5. This year, we will gather on the new athletic field located behind the Jr./Sr. High School. As usual, we will meet as a unified staff as we are all involved in educating and impacting students. Be it in a supportive role, an instructional role or a supervisory role, we all play a pivotal role in motivating and inspiring student success.

Please treat yourself to light refreshments in the cafeteria beginning at 7:30 before the kick off begins promptly on the field at 8:00. Kindly note that we will move the agenda indoors to the Jr./Sr. HS Auditorium if the weather is inclement.

Enclosed please find information about two new employee benefit programs that we are pleased to introduce. More information will be available in each building upon your return.

When you arrive back this fall you will find new faces, new spaces and new energy!

Wishing you warm days and much joy as we bid farewell to summer 2017!

Sincerely,

Dr. Maria Lagana Suttmeier  
Superintendent of Schools