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Update from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation

As we prepare to conclude the final weeks of continued learning at home, I would like to express my appreciation for your flexibility and support during the COVID-19 closure. None of us could have imagined this scenario for the last months of this school year.

We know that our seniors and their parents (including myself) were looking forward to the many events that are the culmination of their academic and school career at Hamilton Heights. Our Board of Education and I share in your disappointment and sense of loss that these events were canceled due to the health crisis. I want to assure all seniors in the Class of 2020 that if you were in good standing and passing all your required courses for graduation before schools closed, you will graduate on time.

Speaking of the Hamilton Heights Board of Education, I want to take this opportunity to commend them for their unified and vital role throughout this unprecedented event. Collectively, this group brings over three decades of experience to our corporation. They showed incredible leadership, vision, and support every step of the way. The five individuals who comprise our board tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities on a daily basis. These advocates for our students have stayed the course and are among our unsung heroes. Thank you, Laura Reuter, Arnett Cooper, Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh, Doug Ozolins, and Julie Davis.

In celebration of National Teacher Appreciation Week and on behalf of the Hamilton Heights School Board, attached please find a special proclamation created with deep gratitude for the many contributions our educators make inside and outside the classroom. They change lives and make a difference. #ThankATeacher

I am also proud to share the Building Level Teachers of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year. The following selected for this year's recognition include Eric "Fish" Fisher (HHHS), Erin Goodman (HHMS), Lauren Chapman (HHES), and Kelly Stroup (HHPS). One of these educators will be selected to represent the Corporation at the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition in the fall. Congratulations!

This week is also Public Service Recognition Week. For many, public service is a calling and way to contribute to our society every day. Some may not be in one of the highly visible jobs, but we depend on each and every one for their work – utility workers, law enforcement and emergency personnel, to clerks and assistants that support our towns, postal workers, and armed services personnel to name a few. Please join me in sharing a note of gratitude to those men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees. #PSRW.

As the state begins the process of reopening and loosening social distancing mandates, this gives us optimism and renewed possibilities for the late spring and summer including our August 1 commencement ceremony. Continue to be good neighbors. Stay safe. Stay well. #WeAreHuskies



HAMILTON HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION

National Teacher Appreciation Week

Whereas , Hamilton Heights School Corporation teachers make public schools great.

Whereas, Hamilton Heights School Corporation recognizes the dedication and commitment of its teachers to ensuring that each student receives the absolute best in education.

Whereas, Hamilton Heights School Corporation teachers are essential to American democracy and the world by laying the foundation for good citizenship.

Whereas, Hamilton Heights School Corporation teachers are invaluable inside and outside the classroom as role models, mentors, and motivators.

Whereas, Hamilton Heights School Corporation understands the necessity of teachers being recognized for helping students to reach their full potential.

Whereas, Hamilton Heights School Corporation teachers should be held in high esteem, reflecting the value the entire community places in public education.

Whereas , Hamilton Heights School Corporation teachers help make our community a better place to live, work, and play; and

Now, Therefore Be it Known, as the Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Education and the Superintendent recognize and express their deep gratitude to the Hamilton Heights School Corporation teachers and hereby proclaim May 4 - 8, 2020 as National Teacher Appreciation Week in Arcadia, Indiana.

Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, HHSC

Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh, President, HHSC Board of Education

Arnett Cooper, Vice-President, HHSC Board of Education

Julie Davis, Secretary, HHSC Board of Education

Laura Reuter, Member, HHSC Board of Education

Doug Ozolins, Member, HHSC Board of Education