

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Labor Day Weekend! Everyone from the Hillsdale Public School's family hopes that you had a happy, healthy and restful summer with the final weekend approaching. We are thrilled to be welcoming our students this Tuesday morning for the start of the 2019-2020 school year.



While summer is a time for rest and relaxation, it also presents the perfect opportunity for progress in and around our school buildings. Throughout July and August, the administrative team and summer staff work diligently to ensure that the school year and the learning to follow provide an opportunity for each child to work toward his/her personal best.

During this most recent recess and among the many tasks completed, our staff worked together to write new curriculum, update and align assessments, enhance resources for our science learners and add to the learning children will experience.

Additionally, during the summer months when the buildings are being cleaned and prepared for the school year we are able to enhance our learning settings. Included in the projects at George White Middle School, were a refresh of five classrooms and new paint on the exterior of the Liberty Avenue side of the building. Also, the Ann Blanche Smith School multi-purpose room was completely re-done. Moreover, we worked diligently to help refine the student school supply list and reduce the supplies that children have to transport from home. Finally, the Hillsdale Public Schools completed and has planned for a variety of security initiatives to help keep our students, staff and visitors safe.



While this communication highlights only a few of the many areas that were worked on this summer, our progress is only achieved through great partnerships. We remain thankful for the support of our Board of Education in each of these initiatives. Additionally, the positive and collaborative relationship we have with each parent organization at our schools only works in harmony to create an experience that is better and better each year for all our children. The value placed on the academic experience by our staff and parents will allow each child to embark on the journey of life-long learning.

We wish all our children a great start to the 2019-2020 school year.

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