

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 2017



We are fast approaching the winter break and I would like to thank all of the parents/guardians for their extra effort in supporting Hillside School. I would like to wish the Hillside students and families Happy Holidays! Our Winter Break starts on Monday, December 25 through January 5, 2018. Students will return to school on Monday, January 8th.

Annual Review Meeting for the Hillside School District Strategic Plan 2016-2021

The Hillside School District 93 began implementing a Strategic Plan during the 2016-2017 school year. This plan is the foundation for our initiatives and action plan for the next five years. The plan encompasses five (5) Focus Areas: Finance, Facilities, Instruction and Programming, Community Engagement, and Human Resource. Each of these focus areas are outlined by goals and action items

The Hillside School District 93 Strategic Plan is reviewed on an annual basis to determine the progress being made in each of the focus areas. We will hold our annual update meeting on **Saturday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** At this annual update meeting, the Administrative Team and Board of Education will lead participants in small group discussions on the progress on the five focus areas of the strategic plan.

If you are interested in joining the Strategic Planning Committee, please contact Ana Maria Velasquez at 708-449-6490 x7104.

Safety Reminders

For your and our students' safety, I would like to remind of you of our drop-off and pick-up procedures for our students.

- For the safety of the students, do not drop off students in the middle Elm Street or Harrison Street.
- Please use the designated drop-off lane located on Elm Street.
- Between the hours of 8:00 a. m. – 8:40 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. the Main Parking Lot is closed due to bus arrival/departure
- Parents/Guardians dropping off Band and Choral students after 8:00 a.m., must use the drop-off lane located on Elm Street.
- Do not double park on Elm and Darmstadt street
- If you are accessing the rear parking lot for student pick-up, please enter the parking lot by going east on Darmstadt- Right turn only into the parking lot

Railroad tracks are a dangerous place for children. We have seen an increase of our students walking near the railroad tracks throughout the area, especially behind the school. I ask for you take a few minutes and talk to your child(ren) about railroad safety.

1. Never walk near railroad tracks. Be aware that a train can come from either direction at any time.
2. Trains that are standing still can move at any moment. Do not come near them.
3. Always cross at a railroad crossing. Do not cross in the middle of a track.
4. Never wear headphones or ear buds near a railroad track.
5. Trains only run on the rails. They cannot swerve to avoid a crash. Stay off of the tracks.
6. When you walk over the railroad tracks at the railroad crossing, be sure to step over the rails.
7. If a train goes by, look both ways again before crossing.

We appreciate your assistance as we continue to refine our procedures for the safety of all students!

Yours in education,
Dr. Kevin Suchinski
Superintendent