



Ford Administration
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Dear Hazel Park Families,

I hope your summer break has been full of beautiful memories and experiences with your families. We are excited to welcome you back to school and have several updates for your student/s return on September 1, 2021.

COVID Protocols:

Across the county, discussions have occurred regarding the return to school in the fall. The CDC has recommended that students return to school with masks. **Hazel Park Schools at this time is requiring that staff and students wear masks inside the buildings as the county is in the High Transmission Zone.** We will move to allow parents and staff choice once the county returns to a lower transmission level, which is orange or lower. **This may change before school starts or shortly after. I will continue to be in contact with you as the situation changes. We will reserve the right to change this decision, as numbers change in Oakland County, or in Hazel Park Schools.**

Your building administration will send information home at the EC-5 level. This will clarify a parent's choice of masking their child in the classroom if masking becomes optional. We will have masks available at the entrance of the schools. We will also require visitors to wear masks when we allow parents and others into the buildings later in the school year.

Hazel Park Schools will continue with our safety practices from last year. We will continue to have the **COVID cleaners** in the building to increase disinfecting during the day within each school. Additionally, everyone will enter through the front entrance of the schools, so the office can assess their temperature through **the thermal scans**. This will include reentry into the schools from recess. Students K-8 will keep the **desk barriers** on their desks. High School teachers and 9-12 students will have the option of having desk barriers throughout the day. **Hand sanitizer and desk wipes** will be available in the classrooms and our 360 machines will be used and available in all of the buildings.

Students **will not have to quarantine if they are within 3-6 feet of someone that tests positive for COVID if they have been wearing a mask or are vaccinated.** Those students who are within 3-6 feet will be requested to quarantine if they have been traced to a positive person and have not been wearing a mask. **We are encouraging families of students who are eligible for the vaccine to consider taking them to receive it.** We will have two clinics set up in our schools, one in September and another in October, to administer vaccines. More information will be shared as soon as the details are finalized. This will be open to all families and community members.

Parents can reach out to their building principals or the district office with any questions or concerns that they may have regarding the safety plan set in place.

Lunch/Breakfast:

This year we will resume breakfast in the schools in the morning. This will take place in the lunchroom, as we've done in years past. At this time, we will not be allowing parents into the breakfast room. In the near future, we hope we will be able to have parents join their students at breakfast. Students will also be able to grab breakfast at the door and take it to their classrooms after the bell rings or if they arrive late. Students will also eat lunch in the cafeteria as they have in the past.



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Re-enrollment:

If you have not gone into Mi-Star and confirmed your attendance for the 2021-2022 school year please do so. Please make sure that you have completed all areas. **If you are virtual and want to move back to in-person learning, please email the enrollment office at enrollhps@hazelparkschools.org.** If you are having difficulty or just want to do this in person, we have one more in person re-enrollment night at Ford Administrative Building on Aug. 19 from 5 to 8 pm under a tent. We will also have food and bounce houses to keep your students busy while you are re-enrolling.

Latchkey:

We are optimistic that we will be able to open latchkey in the morning and after school in the elementary schools. Latchkey will be available, if staff are available, at each elementary school and Webster. We will also have after-school care at Webb Elementary. We will be busing our students to Webb from their schools after the day is complete. More information is to come.

I-Ready Access

As you know, students were able to use the I-Ready reading and math personalized instruction throughout the summer. We hope many of our students took advantage of this amazing learning resource. Please note, students will only have access to lessons through Friday, Aug. 13.

Device Return

If your child used an iPad or Chromebook this summer the device will be disabled after Aug. 13 and must be returned to the Ford Administrative Building by Aug. 20. This will allow the Technology Department to update the devices for the upcoming school year. Staff will be available to check the devices on Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3 pm at the Ford Administration Building. Please enter at the gym door (Door #3).

Staff

Hazel Park continues to look for individuals who are interested in working within the school environment. These positions include paraprofessionals, lunch and breakfast support, custodians, GSRP teachers, and associate teachers. Please review the [positions on the website](#) or call Human Resources at 248-658-5241.

We will continue to keep you updated as school approaches. Thank you for your continued support of our District. We are so excited to see you and your children back with our wonderful staff. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year of learning. Please feel free as always to contact me with any questions or concerns amy.kruppe@hazelparkschools.org.

In Kindness,

Amy Kruppe, Ed.D.
Superintendent