



Hanley International Academy, in partnership with home and community, will provide a safe learning environment that promotes the academic, physical, social, and emotional development of our diverse learning community.

October 2, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians -

First, we want to thank you for your continued patience and partnership in the successful opening of the school year. I can't begin to express my thanks and gratitude to everyone for all their hard work. This was and is not a typical year, yet we continue to tackle all of the challenges that are placed in front of us in true Husky fashion.

As you recall, we originally hoped to open the school year with a face-to-face option as well as a virtual option. As we approached the start of school, we realized a virtual start was in the best interest of our students, staff and community. After a month, I couldn't be more pleased with the amount of effort, determination and creativity that our teachers put forth to provide such a robust virtual learning environment.

Our plan moving forward is to keep our commitment of welcoming our students safely back into the school. We have already welcomed back some of our students to receive support services. These services include special education services, English language services, and additional academic support to name a few. All safety protocols and expectations are being required and communicated to our families prior to being allowed in the building.

Starting November 2nd, assuming the current health conditions of our community remain the same or are hopefully better, we will begin welcoming our Kindergarten through 5th grade students who chose our face-to-face option back into the building. We will be contacting those parents who originally selected the face-to-face option at the beginning of the school year. We thought it was only fair to honor those selections to begin. We also felt it was a natural time to make this transition as it's the end of the first quarter.

For students who are in grades 6th-8th, they will remain virtual. Our hope is that the transition of our younger students goes smoothly and we can plan to welcome the older students back as well. Our strategy is to slowly transition our students back in small groups so that we can ensure everyone's safety and acclimate ourselves to our new protocols and procedures. We are excited about the prospect of opening our building to welcome back our learners. We understand that this is going to take a partnership between everyone in order to make this a success.

I want to thank our education staff for their tireless commitment. They deserve our undying gratitude and appreciation for not only their effort, but their flexibility to ensure our students

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receive the best possible education whether they are virtual or face-to-face. I would also like to thank our parents. Quite a burden has been placed on you to assume so much more responsibility in your students learning. We can't thank you enough and hope to continue that partnership.

Go Huskies!!



Steve Paddock
Superintendent