



From Your Superintendent The New Normal

Last March, the school year ended abruptly. Stay at home orders were put in place. Events, celebrations, restaurants, and businesses were either canceled or required to close. The ‘new normal’ required social distancing, masks, heightened sanitation efforts and many other precautions.

Procedures in the workplace have changed. Leisurely activities have now become considerably less than leisurely, as we ‘re-think’ how we move and interact on a daily basis. Unemployment is high and our economy teeters. COVID-19 has placed stressors on every conceivable aspect of our lives and it has taken an emotional toll.

That ‘new normal’ is anything, **but** normal. The sands still continue to shift beneath our feet, as we attempt to develop new procedures to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community. Literally, every aspect of the school day has had to be revisited from seating in classrooms, eating lunch, traveling on a school bus and playing on playgrounds.

All that planning has resulted in safeguards for students and staff, but it remains less than normal. Parents and staff have very difficult decisions to make in the days ahead. The issue of masks and social distancing has become polarizing. The question parents have to decide is: “Do I send my child back to school or do I have him/her participate in eLearning?” There are no easy answers, and each decision is made based on matters that are unique to every family. There is no right or wrong answer.

Although the re-entry plans have been met with a myriad of emotions, we are all united in wanting the very best for our children. That, I can certainly say, is NOT a new normal. That is something in which every parent and educator in the Hanover Community School District has always agreed upon.

Our kids are always watching. They take their cues from us. If we as parents are upset, stressed, and anxious that will be our child’s response. If we are calm, flexible, and determined to work through these challenges, so will our children.

These are extremely uncomfortable and undecided times in our lives. Everything is NOT normal, but our response to that can be one of comfort, resilience, perseverance, and unity. This pandemic will, indeed, end. The path to that end remains challenging and the length of time unknown. So, as we begin this year, either in person or online, please know that we ARE united in providing a great education for our children, ensuring their safety, and reminding them of these things in word and action...“We care about you and are here for you.” That remains our normal.

Mary Tracy-MacAulay
Superintendent
Hanover Community School Corporation



<p>I WEAR MY MASK FOR</p> <p>All Hanover Students and Staff</p> <p>#IN this together #MaskUpHoosiers</p>	<h3>2020 RE-ENTRY PLANS</h3> <p>A team of Hanover Administrators, staff and teachers worked diligently on a Hanover specific Re-Entry plan for the 2020-2021 academic year. We believe the plan gives families options to meet the needs of their students. Hanover schools is proud of the plan that allows for the return of our students and in-person instruction beginning August 19, 2020. The plan also offers an alternative eLearning option for as well. These plans are designed to keep the entire community as safe as possible. The full plan issued on July 6, 2020 as well as an update with additional information issued on July 14, 2020 can be viewed on the Corporation website at www.hanover.k12.in.us. Future direction from State and County sources could result in additional modifications to the plan. All updates will be posted to the Hanover Corporation website.</p>
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Due to Covid-19, the dates for Kindergarten Round-Up/Registration have been moved up to ensure that all families of incoming Kindergarten students have an opportunity to meet using socially distanced protocols. It is extremely important that parents/guardians attend these events by scheduled appointment times. If you have not already done so, please contact the school your child will attend. If you are new to the district, and have not already done so, your first step is to contact our Residency Official, Mrs. Holly Jones. You can reach her at (219) 274-3500, ext. 3506 for an appointment to establish residency.

The Jane Ball Elementary School Round-up/Registration will take place on July 27th and July 28th. The Lincoln Elementary School Round-up/Registration will take place on July 29th and 30th. Details are available on the school website. Visit www.hanover.k12.in.us

Both schools will host orientation for Kindergarten students only. Jane Ball will host orientation on August 17th and Lincoln will welcome parents on August 18th. Information and appointments will be available at Round-Up/Registration. If you need more information please feel free to contact individual school administrators:

As always, we are asking members of the Hanover community to share this information with any new neighbors who might have an incoming Kindergarten student.

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They've graduated...Now it's YOUR turn!

Bunches of Lunches

Through a grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Hanover Central Nutrition Services Department will host a food giveaway on August 11, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon or while supplies last. This giveaway is open to all Hanover school families and the drive up service will take place at Jane Ball Elementary School. Those picking up food should remain in their cars and are encouraged to mask up.



Meeting The Need

As Hanover Community Schools continue to grow, so does the need for excellent staffing. For many, David Arroyo is a familiar figure as the head of the Choir Departments at Hanover Central Middle and High School. This year, he will lend his considerable talents as the Dean of Students at Hanover Central High School. "From my former position as Choir Director, I think I bring an understanding of the Hanover community and the need to build strong, solid relationships. Being a minority gives me a different perspective and the ability to place fresh eyes on the important need for inclusion, no matter a students' ethnicity, socio-economic background or other individuality," explains Mr. Arroyo.



He has a vision that the Dean of Students position can move beyond the traditional 'bearer of bad news' from decades past. "It has to be a resource for teachers, parents and students. It is just as important to make connections based on positive things as well as negative behaviors. I believe we can expand beyond emergency intervention and broaden our approach. I will be pro-active and intervene before any student need becomes an emergency."

Mr. Arroyo holds a Bachelor's of Music Education from Valparaiso University and a Master of Arts in Education Leadership and Administration from Ball State University.

Water Drive—Can You Help?

Hanover Schools are continuing their planning to meet the needs of our students when they return. Covid-19 precautions are being put in place, and that includes shutting off all public water fountains. Students and staff are being asked to bring their own pre-filled water bottles to school. As educators, we know that there will be a need for fresh drinking water throughout the day and we are asking for your help. From August 3 through August 7 we are asking those who are able to donate cases of water to fill this need. Water can be dropped off at any Hanover School from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. As always, we are so very grateful to our community for their continued support.



Are you missing out? If you are a member of the community that serves Hanover students, stay in touch with the latest news by following us on Facebook at Hanover Community Schools

