

Good afternoon parents, this is Vaughn White, superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools with a couple of brief messages.

Parents, I am calling to remind you that tomorrow, June 18 we will be distributing meals to families at one location in our district. Meals will be distributed only through the Middle School office entrance from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, it is very important that Chromebooks and their cords that were borrowed this spring, be returned to the school as soon as possible. Chromebooks can be returned at the food distribution site or the administration office located on the south side of the building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Parents, we continue to communicate with our politicians and state agencies to gather information regarding two very important issues facing Michigan schools. These issues are school funding and the requirements and/or direction for reopening. We are challenged with reports that school funding may be cut significantly to Michigan school districts as we move into a year with significant needs for support to our children going through this crisis. Your efforts to contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives for additional federal funding for schools would be greatly appreciated.

Regarding school opening this year, it is my sincere hope that we will progress in a direction that leads us to a traditional 5 day a week schedule. We just have to see how things progress this summer and look forward to the Governor's release of a back to school roadmap at the end of this month.

We realize some parents, regardless of the safety protocols and structures for getting students back to school, may choose to have their children attend a virtual online school. Because we understand this reality, we will offer a free, online virtual learning option to our parents through our district resources that will keep students connected as a Hesperia Panther. We will have an enrollment/application process developed this summer should parents wish to choose this option. Nothing is more effective than that face to face instruction that pupils receive in their traditional school, but we are in a different circumstance due to this pandemic and want to reassure parents that we have a virtual option for them.

We will continue to update you as information becomes clearer this summer. We appreciate your continued support as we face the challenges ahead.