



November 4, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We wish to update you on a few important items of information:

Upcoming Capital Project Vote: Public Meetings and Tours of Completed Work

We ask everyone to vote on the next capital project Tuesday, December 7, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the High School South Gym. Residents will be sent a newsletter with information on the project prior to the vote. We also have a web page with more information: [Capital Project Vote 12-7-21](#).

You can learn more about this second project of the district's capital improvement plan by attending one of our community meetings or the public hearing. The community meetings will include a tour of the completed work at the High School. Tours begin at 6pm, and the public meetings on the upcoming vote begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. Safety protocols will be followed; masks are required.

Community Meetings/Tours:

Tuesday, November 9, 6 p.m., High School Multi-Media Center

Wednesday, November 17, 6 p.m., High School Auditorium

Public Hearing:

Tuesday, November 30, 6 p.m., High School Multi-Media Center

Digital Equity Survey

The state is requiring districts to survey families regarding access to internet and digital devices at home. We are using the Parent Portal to conduct our survey. We ask that you go to your Parent Portal account (at this link: <https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhWeb/default.aspx>) and complete the survey for each child in your household. [Click here](#) for more information and instructions.

Text Messaging for School Closings/Delays

The district uses a variety of ways to inform families of any school closings/delays, and one of these ways is through text messaging to parents/guardians. If you are a parent/guardian of a student and would like to receive a text message when school is closed or delayed due to weather or other emergencies, you must opt in to text messaging with the district. To do so, text Y to 67587. For more information on opting in to text messaging, [click here](#). Note that if you have already opted in to texting, you do not need to do so again.

The district also posts closings/delays on our website, to our social media platforms, and to local news/radio stations.

Please note: When the decision is made to delay the start of school, the school day will begin two hours later than the usual time. Pre-Kindergarten classes will begin at 10:30 a.m. on days that are delayed.

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Telehealth Appointments

Telehealth or video appointments allow people to see a health care provider without going to the doctor's office. The New York State Department of Health has informed us that telehealth appointments for a doctor's excuse or alternate diagnosis for COVID must be with the student's primary health provider. We cannot accept telehealth appointments with an urgent care or alternate telehealth provider. If you have questions, please contact your school nurse.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

You may have read that the COVID vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 is moving through the federal approval process. Once it is approved and vaccines are available, we will work with the Chemung County Health Department to assist families who wish to have their children vaccinated. We will share more information when we receive it. Note that this vaccine is not mandatory. We are simply assisting the county in their public health efforts.

Facilities Job Fair

The district is seeking cleaners for our schools. We are holding a job fair Monday, November 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our High School Multi-Media Center. Anyone interested in a cleaner positions is welcome to come and learn more about the positions and interview onsite. For more information on the positions and to apply, click here: <https://horseheads.recruitfront.com/JobPosting?JID=9460>. We ask that you share this information with anyone who may be interested in a position. [Click here for the flyer](#). Our cleaners are important to our schools and the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.

Reminder: Food Service and Technology Surveys

A reminder that we continue to plan in the event we are required to move to remote instruction. If you would need assistance in the event of remote instruction, please complete the forms below. If you have already completed the form(s), thank you. You do not need to complete them again.

Meal Delivery: <https://forms.office.com/r/HujysRmMDE>

Device Loan: <https://forms.office.com/r/pfbDcyVpZM>

If you have questions, please contact your school office. I know we all hope that we are moving closer to the end of this pandemic, and we all must continue to do our part. We thank you for your continued vigilance and support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools