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Quick Hits

Ramadan observance is underway

By Charles Sercombe

To those in our Muslim community, we wish you a happy Ramadan, which started on Sunday evening, March 10, and continues through April 9.

This Holy Month of the Islamic calendar is capped with an Eid Al-Fitr celebration.

According to CAIR (the Council on American-Islamic Relations), during Ramadan, Muslims "refrain from eating, drinking, sexual relations, and smoking from the break of dawn to sunset."

CAIR adds that:

"Ramadan is a period of personal restraint and a renewed focus on moral conduct. It is also a time to empathize with those who are less fortunate and to appreciate what one has. Fasting does not mean that Muslims cease to go to school, work, or participate in daily activi-

Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib, the city's first Muslim to be elected as mayor, has this message about Ramadan on his Facebook page:

"Ramadan Mubarak to all of you and to all Muslims and all our partners in humanity, peace, tolerance and coexistence.

"We ask God to bring peace, goodness and justice all around the world, and to lift suffering from the oppressed and oppressed in this blessed month.

"We should all possess noble obedience and values in this holy month and make it an integral part of our daily behavior throughout the year."

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD -

School district's lawsuits have become a financial drain

By Charles Sercombe

Over the last four years, taxpayers have paid out almost \$1 million to cover legal fees for the Hamtramck Public School district.

The Review recently filed a Freedom of Information Act request to see how much the district has been billed for legal fees since the year 2020.

The district, however, did not provide a breakdown on what each bill was for specifically, other than general legal fees.

Hamtramck's schools are now facing about a dozen lawsuits from former staffmembers, parents of special needs students and even the district's own superintendent, Jaleelah Ahmed.

Ahmed filed a federal lawsuit against the district, the teachers' union and several board of education members after she was placed on suspension in 2022.

In her lawsuit, Ahmed alleges defamation, a conspiracy to fire her, and violating various federal discrimination laws.

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For the Hamtramck Public School District, about \$1 million has been spent on legal fees for the past four years. The district is facing about a dozen lawsuits.

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Some former staffmembers are suing for being forced out of jobs, citing a "toxic" work environment created by Ahmed and some of her former appointees.

"The current BOE and superintendent been nothing short of intentional in their deconstruction of individuals and central office teams," said Heather Dorogi, the district's former student coordinator, in her resig-

This lawsuit is still pen- nation letter to the board there has been fire after of education.

> In all, there were 333 legal bills submitted to the district, totaling \$993,046.

Toni Coral, president of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, told The Review that the cost of the legal fees "makes me sad and angry."

She added: "Things do not have to be this way, but when the Board has provided such poor leadership and guidance, it's not surprising that

fire and a fairly consistent level of chaos.

"When I think about \$1 million, I think about the repairs that could've been done to our aging and historic buildings. The auditorium at the high school could have been completely refurbished, for example."

According to school sources, the number of lawsuits has led to a change in the district's insurance policy, which now

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For these HHS students, a career in medicine is a possibility



Hamtramck High School students have formed a club to pursue a medical education.

Bv Alan Madlane

A group of Hamtramck High School students already have their eye on going into the medical field.

They have formed a club that focuses on medical education. We spoke with one of the students, Mst Begum, who filled us in on their goals.

Review: What The first spawned the idea for your club? A health awareness type of a club is one thing, but

you refer to yours as a "medical club" - do you intend a difference in focus or approach by calling it such? How many are leading the club at this point?

Mst Begum: At Ham-High School tramck (HHS), there were no medical-related clubs. This caused a disparity in equitable access to healthcare-related experiences for HHS students. There are many pas-

sionate students at HHS Continued on page 4

Former officer sentenced to house arrest **By Charles Sercombe**

A former Hamtramck police officer convicted of bribery won't be serving time in prison.

Recently, a federal court sentenced Mike Stout, 62, of St. Clair Shores, to be confined to one year of house arrest.

Stout had been convicted of receiving over \$9,000 in bribes, which included cash and a car, from a towing company in exchange for privileged police information.

Stout faced up to 10 years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines. He was part of a controversial joint task force with Highland Park to investigate auto thefts. That unit was eventually dissolved.

Prosecutors had sought a sentence of nearly two years in prison.

Assistant U.S. attorney Steven Cares told the court that, "Like all police officers, Michael Stout took an oath to protect and serve the citizens of Hamtramck. But he let greed get in the way."

Stout left the department in 2019, and was stripped of his police powers and also decertified as a police officer.

When he left the department, he said he was taking a job with Highland Park's police department, which never happened. After he left Hamtramck, Stout was still dealing with a tow company, apparently under the guise that he was an officer.

Stout was able to get information through the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) from an unnamed employee in the Hamtramck Police Department.

Sharing LEIN information with an unauthorized person is illegal. Unbeknownst to Stout,

he was dealing with an Continued on page 2

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School's district's lawsuits have become a financial drain continued from front page

demands that the district pay, Ahmed had to get an pay the first \$250,000 per lawsuit settlement because of the number of lawsuits filed against it.

Prior to all of these lawsuits, the district was responsible for paying the first \$25,000 per lawsuit.

Ahmed had been on a second medical leave for the past month-anda-half; a leave which she took soon after getting a poor work evaluation from the school board.

The board had given her a rating of "minimally effective." The board did not explain their decision.

"Minimally effective" is one step up from the poorest job evaluation of "ineffective."

This rating by the board meant that Ahmed will not get an automatic one-year contract extension, nor a "merit" bonus worth \$11,700. In order to qualify for that merit evaluation of "effective" or "highly effective."

Ahmed was scheduled to return to work on Monday, March 11, but she extended her latest leave of absence.

The evaluation came as a surprise to some in the district, considering that, just several months before, the board had welcomed her back with a \$50,000 a year salary hike, and her contract was extended to 2027.

Her yearly salary is now \$195,000, plus an additional \$24,000 for overseeing the recreation department.



HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed also has a pending lawsuit she filed against the district, which has added to the district's legal fees.

Former officer sentenced to house arrest

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who was part of a sting operation.

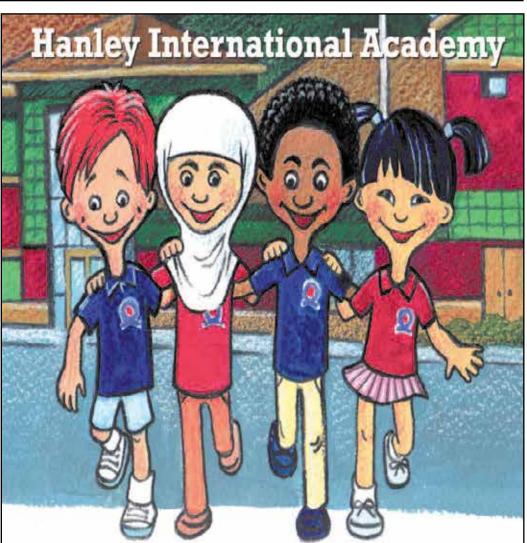
This wasn't the first time Stout has come under scrutiny. He and other law enforcement some of which had to be

undercover agent officers were named in prior lawsuits for their handling of past investigations that ended up costing Hamtramck over \$1 million in damages,

covered by insurance.

Stout's case was the latest of several instances of former Hamtramck officers getting in trouble with the law while performing their duties.

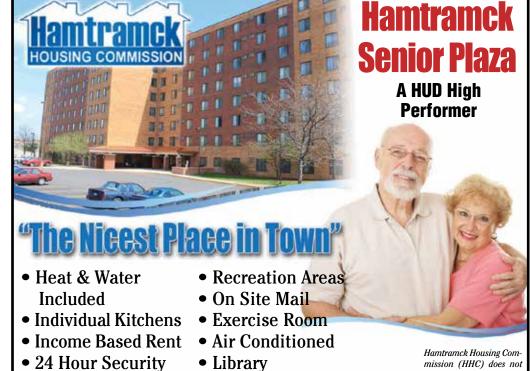




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This week at the Library

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 3:45 pm and Wednesday Story Time at 12:00 noon. The programs are presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Henrik Ibsen: This Norwegian theatre master was born on March 20, 1828. Bringing modernism to the stage earned him many a fan, his works influencing the likes of Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, Arthur Miller and James Joyce. If you enjoy reading for performing plays and you prefer them to be a bit unsettling, then do check out Henrik Ibsen.

Game Night: We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone is invit-

Lady Augusta Gregory: This Irish author was born on March 15, 1852. She is the co-founder of the Abbey and Irish Literary Theatre and was producing and writing material for both. She was known to keep company with he leading creative minds of her time - the calling cards of Henry James, Robert Browning, and Lord Tennyson made their way to her table. However, what may be most interesting for a certain type of reader are her collections of Irish folklore.

Exercise in the Library: Adaptive Yoga is back on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm

and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. These beginner friendly, weekly exercise sessions are sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Please wear comfy shoes and stretchy clothing for maxi-

mum enjoyment.

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Dan Grajek: Hitting the road was just what this Metro Detroit author did. Criss-crossing the country multiple times by way of hitchhiking, these experiences served him well creatively, eventually leading him to develop his two novels, "The Last Hobo" and more recently "Moon People". Catch an exciting chat with the wandering wordsmith that is Dan Grajek on Friday, April 26th at 6 pm.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

For some, not all tax revenue is welcomed

It continues to mys- venue producers for the tify us why some city officials are opposed to Hamtramck allowing marijuana dispensaries in

There remains open hostility to this type of business, based largely on religious and moral beliefs, or so it appe-

There was an initial fear, by some, that the dispensaries would be a magnet for crime - something that statistics can corroborate has not happened – or that the local youth would be somehow "corrupted," which is laughably false.

dispensaries, The which cater to adults only, have been following the laws, and have turned out to be major recity - tax and fee-wise.

Hamtramck received over \$200,000 this year from our four outlets (despite that one closed down in mid-year).

At the same time, these city officials are bemoaning the fact that income tax collection is down about \$500,000 compared to the year before, in the belief that something about the tax collection process is inefficient, they turn around and say that the city can live without the revenue stream provided by dispensaries.

Over \$200,000 may not seem like much to some city officials; to us, it's a good chunk of change the city should be glad to receive.

Every little bit helps keep the city afloat.

Just think if Hamtramck allowed more marijuana outlets to operate here. In comparison, over in Hazel Park, which is just slightly larger in geographical size than Hamtramck, they allow 10 dispensaries to operate, which brings in almost \$560,000 a year for the city.

That's an impressive sum of money by anyone's standards.

What comes next banning bars from operating as well, because of a belief that alcohol is evil?

Hamtramck should be welcoming to all legal businesses, and not allow personal beliefs to interfere.

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By Hamtramck Fire Chief weather, so to prepare, Matthew Wyszczelski

Spring in Michigan means there is a strong severe

the State of Michigan has declared the week of March 17 through March 23 to be Severe Weather

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Awareness Week.

People around the State should use this week to become educated on what to do in case of severe weather and to review their emergency

In addition to an emerplan, everyone should have an emergency preparedness kit, with supplies to last at least three days.

There will also be a statewide tornado drill being conducted on Wednesday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

For more information on how to be prepared for severe weather emergencies, visit www.michigan.gov/miready or www. ready.gov.



Odds & Ends

Impressive... The Re- – closet, small bathroom view was recently invited to a ribbon cutting for the new office for the agency DHIWN (the Detroit Way-Integrated Health Network).

lt's located Woodward and Holbrook, in Detroit, and it was once the home of a Detroit library branch.

This building is gorgeous and a perfect example of Detroit rehabbing done right. According to a press release, "the design team took great care to preserve the charm of the space, restoring period-specific architectural features, from copper cornices to terrazzo flooring."

DWIHN President/CEO Eric Doeh had this to say about the new office.

has expe-"DWIHN exponential rienced growth and continues to deliver quality behavioral healthcare services in Detroit and Wayne County."

"The work and community spaces must accommodate and complement our efforts to meet the ever-increasing needs of those we serve."

The agency offers help with infant mental health, supportive housing, and recovery to support self-determination and improve the health, safety, and quality of life for nearly 123,000 people and their families. For more information, download the myDWIHN mobile app, www.dwihn. org or contact their 24/7 Access Helpline, 800-241-4949.

Severe weather season... Yes, we all welcome warm weather settling in, but that can also mean we get some nasty storms.

The folks at FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) have a few tips on how to prepare for storm seas-

For tornadoes, they caution that they can pop up anywhere and at anytime the atmospheric conditions are right.

You've probably heard it before, but they recommend getting to a sturdy building if possible.

Once there, or wherever inside a structure, get to a basement if there is one, or else as small a room as possible

 on the lowest level of the home or building. Put protective things around and on top of you: mattresses, thick blankets, light but sturdy furniture.

Watch out for flying debris; protect your head and neck with your arms. If driving, they say not to take refuge under a bridge or overpass, but rather to seek the lowest lying land - a ditch, culvert, etc.

Once it's over, keep listening to the radio, especially on the Emergency Alert System or NOAA Weather Radio.

If unharmed and mobile, be careful of downed wires, dangerous debris, etc. Don't enter damaged buildings that could collapse. Save your phone calls for emergencies so as not to clog the sys-

If trapped, cover your mouth so you don't breathe so much dust. Alert people to your presence with a flashlight or phone light; call or text your location; bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle or siren if you have one, rather than shouting.

Thunderstorms bring some similar challenges, but also some that may

Of course, thunderstorms and tornadoes can occur simultaneously or consecutively. Either way, unplug appliances and avoid landline phones for potential electrocution. Consider surge protectors.

Do not try to pass through flooded roadways that might be deeper or swifter-moving than you realize.

Likewise, try to find shelter during any hail which, if large enough, can cause substantial damage or even, in rare cases, death. Keep tree branches trimmed so they can't easily fall onto your home, car, etc.

If on the water, boating or swimming, get to shore immediately and then take cover. Lightning that hits water can disperse and affect a larger area than on land.

In general, use common sense and be prepared with standard home safety kits that include flashlights, batteries of different sizes, etc. Try to keep your phone charged as fully as possible. Know your neighbors and their vehicles, routines, and so on.

More FEMA... Did you suffer property damage from the severe storm of Aug. 24-26, 2023?

If so, there is financial help from FEMA but the deadline to apply, Monday, April 8, is getting near.

FEMA already performed over 35,000 home inspections in Michigan, and approved more than \$56.7 million for 23,728 households. Residents in eight Michigan counties are eligible, including those in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe.

You may apply even if you have already made repairs. Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available for those who lost work as a direct result of the weather event.

The nearest Disaster Recovery Center to Hamtramck is located at Wayne County Community College's Downriver campus, 21000 Northline Rd. in Taylor. They are open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (until 5 p.m. only on Fri.-Sat. at this location only).

You may also call (800) 621-3362, go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, or use the FEMA app.

Don't say 'Nain'... That March imp The Nain Rouge is lurking around the bend again, and with him comes... trash.

Not his followers - no, no, we wouldn't so suggest. Rather, the parade that evolves to prevent his sinister little presence is what generates all the rubbish in its wake. But wait!

A couple of Hamtramck do-gooders, including one who may just be familiar to those who peruse these pages and / or webpages, are looking for some folks good and true, to help them in their clean-up cause.

Remember Hamtramck's wonderful "Plague Doctor"? Appearing in the wake of the pandemic, the mysterious soul scoured Hamtramck's streets, in more ways than one, clutching up miscellaneous garbage strewn, as it is wont to be, hither and yon upon the city's streets. Continued on page 4

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For these HHS students, a career in medicine is a possibility

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who want to pursue a career in the medical field but don't know where to start. I started this club to give students a better chance at obtaining medical opportunities, which in turn may result in more students becoming better doctors, nurses, or other allied healthcare profes-

Currently I am the President and founder of the club. Dawod Alrefai and Sownok Barua are co-vice presidents. Sheikh Jahan is the social media manager. Priyonti Roy is the treasurer.

The Review: Was there a perception among students of a need for such a club? Does it go beyond simple truths like "smoking, drinking too much alcohol, taking many of the available drugs or eating bad food are all bad for you"? If yes, in what way(s)?

Begum: Yes, students expressed a desire for a club where they could learn about their careers beyond the simple truths typically covered in health education.

While acknowledging the negative impacts of behaviors like smoking, excessive drinking, drug use, and poor nutrition, we sought a space to explore career opportunities within the healthcare field. The Medical Explorers Club is currently dedicated to helping those interested in healthcare.

By providing practical

guidance, guest speakers from Wayne State, workshops like the CPR and Heart Dissection, and other resources tailored to the needs of Hamtramck High School students, this club seeks to empower, prepare and help make informed decisions that would help the students at Hamtramck High School to become the doctors of tomorrow.

The Review: How do you hope or see your efforts so far creating the "community involvement" that you are aiming for? Or is that still in the future plans, at this point?

Begum: With our collaboration with Wayne State Medical School and setting up of the CPR training sessions, we have been able to influence both the students and the local community. The activities not only benefit the individuals who take part in them but also fulfill our mission which is aimed at health education and awareness provision in the community.

The Review: Who have you had teaching your **CPR training? Do they** certify the participants at the end of the class(es)? Are people outside of students at your school also participating, or able to participate?

Begum: Our club invited Wayne State's First Aid First program to teach our members the funda-



Hamtramck High School students get medical training.

mentals of CPR. In total, we had over 40 students trained and given certifications.

The Review: What have some of your Wayne State Medical School speakers spoken on, topic-wise, so far?

Begum: Some of the topics that guest speakers from Wayne State have spoken about are CPR, blood pressure measurement, heart health and how to use equipment such as a stethoscope. Students are actively engaged and asking questions to learn more about the topic, and some had basic general knowledge about the topic prior to the meetings.

The Review: Has the club run into any difficulties - controversy, financial issues, etc. - or has it been pretty smooth sailing so far?

Begum: No, the club has not run into any difficulties as of now. Regarding funding, we are working towards getting more funding to support some of our bigger aspirations - such as hosting a community health fair.

What The Review: about participant demographics - do you find the participants more or less equal in male/female ratio? Is this club only open to certain students who have, for example,

expressed an intention to go on to, or already been admitted to, a premed curriculum? Or are you trying to expand it into the general student population as well?

Begum: I think the club participants are pretty equal in ratio when it comes to male and female students. The Medical Explorers Club is open to all students, whether or not they intend on pursuing the medical field as their career - hence the name "explorers."

Students are here to explore and learn more about all things related to health and medicine!

The Review: What are your ideal end goal(s) for the club, to consider it a success in your mind? What further steps do you feel you need to take toward achieving that/ those goal(s)?

Begum: Our goal for this club is to educate students at HHS about the medical field so that, when they go to college, they are aware of some of the aspects it takes to go into the medical field. We want our members to gain experience and also learn about themselves and what they would want to pursue later on.

I would say that the club is successful, because many students are eager to attend the meetings. In the future I hope to have more collaborations with local universities!

Odds & Ends

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Well, they're back, only known now as the TrashMedic, and partnering with another superhero calling themself the "Trash Squirrel."

And they're going to follow that Nain Rouge parade, scheduled for Sunday, March 24, and pick up people's leavin's as the movable queue wends its surly way along the Cass Corridor toward its end-spot at Masonic Temple.

They promise to prosupplies, some "perks," and some weird fun along the way. Contact the "Hamtramck Trashies" on Facebook, or the Hamtramck Mutual Aid website, or else email Hamtramck City Manager Max Gilginas at mgilginas@hamtramckcity.com.





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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 5-11.

Tuesday, March 5

- · Officers attempted to pull over a motorist at Hanley and Conant, but the driver sped off.
- · An assault was reported at Selfridge and Commor.
- Gunshots were fired at Hanley and Jos. Cam-
- An auto theft was reported in the 3100 block of Lehman.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile on Holbrook.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business on Caniff.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Buffalo.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 5000 block of Yemans.
- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Conant and Evaline.

Wednesday, March 6

- · An auto theft was reported on Dequindre.
- Officers assisted agents with Children's Protective Services on Whalen.
- · A break-in was reported in the 3400 block of Caniff.
- · An auto was reported stolen in the area of Klinger and Caniff.
- · A gas leak was reported in the 2300 block of Carpenter.

Thursday, March 7

- · A hit-and-run accident happened at the I-75 service drive and Casmere.
- A suspect fled in a vehicle during an auto theft in progress at Gallagher and Hanley.
- was reported.
- · A loose dog was reported on Yemans.
- A hit-and-run accident happed on Caniff.
- Reckless drivers
- were reported in the 11000 block of Charest. A complaint was
- made about trespassing in the 10000 block of Conant. A break-in was re-
- ported in the 3800 block of Yemans.

Friday, March 8

- · At about 3 a.m. a driver was arrested for being drunk. · A reckless driver was
- reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

ficers responded to a call in the 3900 block of Dorothy about a home invasion and domestic assault.

- A complaint was made about an unwanted guest at a residence in the 2300 block of Com-
- · An unwanted guest was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- Officers responding to a call about a suspicious male in the area of Trowbridge and Jos. Campau arrested the suspect for being disorderly.
- · An assault was reported in the 9400 block of Mitchell.
- Officers responding to a call about a fight in the 2300 block of Commor arrested a female for domestic assault.
- · A female was arrested in the 3400 block of Evaline for property damage.
- · An assault was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.

Sunday, March 10

- · At 1:30 a.m., officers responding to a call about a fight in the 9800 block of Conant arrested a suspect.
- · At 1:45 a.m., officers responded to a call about a child in the 2900 block of Belmont who was experiencing medical distress.
- · At 3:30 a.m., a complaint was made about a person in the 2300 block of Commor who was causing a disturbance.
- · A suspect was arrested on Jos. Campau for possessing narcotics, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · An auto was stolen in · A domestic assault the 12000 block of Dequindre.

Monday, March 11

- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- · A break-in was reported in the 11400 block of
- A disorderly person was reported on Evaline.
- · An auto theft was reported.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of
- Gallagher. · Gunshots were re-
- ported in the area of Lumpkin and Commor. A missing person
- was reported in the 2900 block of Roosevelt.

Saturday, March 9

· At 10:30 p.m., of-

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HPS Supt. Extends Her leave

By Charles Sercombe

As a number of people in the Hamtramck Public School District predicted, Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed did not return to the job on Monday.

Instead, the district announced that Ahmed was extending her paid medical leave. The district did not say how long this extension will last.

Ahmed took a medical leave over a month ago, but she did not cite specifics – unlike she did two years ago, when she took a leave for over three months because of exhaustion from dealing with the Covid pandemic

Ahmed's second leave began back in early February, shortly after she received a poor job evaluation from the school board. The board said she had been "minimally effective," which is one step above the lowest possible rating of "ineffective."

That review resulted in Ahmed not qualifying for



an \$11,700 bonus. Ahmed's current salary is \$195,000, plus an additional \$24,000 for overseeing the recreation department.

Ahmed has a pending lawsuit filed in federal court against the district.

surprise you? This has to change, this CANNOT continue. Our kids are losing out!!"

Wagenaar-Mohamed added: "This is unreal! And nobody on the school board sees a problem with this? Or, they got



HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed has extended her medical leave of absence after taking the past month-and-a-half off work. She earns over \$200,000 a year and is on paid leave.

Ahmed did not respond to an email from The Review for a comment about her job performance evaluation.

That evaluation came after the school board met for three hours in a closed session to discuss her yearly job performance. According to sources, it was a heated meeting.

News of Ahmed's extended leave drew criticism on social media.

On the Facebook page called "I love Hamtramck and actually live here," Michelle Wagenaar-Mohamed said "Does this their raise so that's all that matters?"

Earlier this year, the board gave itself a raise that amounted to over 700 percent of their former yearly stipend.

Diana Elizabeth added that Ahmed "is a poor representation of our school district. I'm sure other school districts are laughing at us. Especially our school board."

The district said that it will continue to have retired educator Dr. Michael Williamson act as interim superintendent.

()bituaries

PUZDRAKIEWICZ



Joan Puzdrakiewicz ,74, March 13, 2024.

Daughter of the late Marion and Irene, sister of Anthony (Tony), Jane Mine, Helen (Ed) Soldenski and the late Richard, Walter.

Sister in law of Theresa & Helen & the late Richard Mine.

Joan is also survived by many nieces & nephews, great nieces and nephews, and was loved by many friends.

Visitation, Saturday,

March 16, 2024 from 1-8 p.m., Prayers TBD at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.



TUSLY

Mary Tusly, nee Bunkosky, 93, died March

5, 2024.

Mrs. Tusly was the wife of the late Ronald and mother of Bridget Karash, Kevin (Angela) Renee, and Jonathan. Mary is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and her brother David Bunkosky.

She is predeceased by her brothers Ronald and

Frank.

A Memorial Mass will be on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Our Mother of Perpetual Help (St. James) Church, 241 Pearson, Ferndale, MI 48220.

Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

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Parent-teacher conference checklist

During the school year your student's school will host parent-teacher conferences. Here are some tips for parents on how to prepare, thanks to the folks at colorincolorado. com.

Before the conference

- Ask your child how she feels about school.
- Ask your child if there is anything that he wants you to talk about with his teacher.
- Tell your child that you and the teacher are meeting to help her.
- Make a list of topics that you want to talk about with the teacher.
 - Prepare a list of ques-

tions such as:

- 1. What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
- 2. Does my child hand homework in on time?
- 3. Does my child participate in class?
- 4. Does my child seem happy at school?5. What can I do at
- home to help?

 During the conference
- Be on time (or early)
- for the meeting.
 End the meeting on
- time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours.
- Relax and be yourself.
- Stay calm during the conference.
- Ask the most important questions first.If your child receives

special services such as English classes, ask about your child's progress in those classes.

- Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand
- Ask your child's teacher for ways that you can help your child at home.
 - Thank the teacher.
- After the conference
- Talk about the conference with your child.
 Talk about the positi-
- ve points, and be direct about problems.

 Tell your child about
- Tell your child about any plans you and the teacher created.
- Keep in touch with the teacher during the school year.

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