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## Quick Hits

### HPS district faces another challenging year

As you can see, this week's issue of The Review is featuring articles about the Hamtramck Public School district.

Several HPS administrators and principals wrote about their experiences during the past year.

This past year can be summed up in one word: Challenging.

While the Covid pandemic subsided enough to allow the return of in-person classroom learning, there were still several hurdles for the HPS staff and students.

The school year prior to this one was a strain on staff and students to overcome the limits of remote learning.

For some students, it was a lost year, which required teachers to make an extra effort to get back up to speed.

The Covid crisis is still not quite over.

But there is good news. Thanks to a multi-million federal grant, the district will be able to modernized its buildings and install additional safety and health measures.

Look for some major projects to begin this summer.

In the meantime, we're sure that you will be impressed by the achievements of our school district during the past year.

We hope you enjoy reading how our school district met these challenges head on with success.

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## At Kosciuszko, students had an active year

**By Kristen Hurt, Principal**

During the year, Kosciuszko students have had many opportunities to learn in dynamic and interesting ways!

Our KMS cougars have visited museums, walked through nature trails and learned cutting edge computer programming. Having students engage in conversations with guest speakers is also a great way to support learning.

Guest speakers can serve as excellent role models and give students the opportunities to imagine just how successful they can be!

We were thrilled to have our own Hamtramck Public Schools alumnus, Rep. Abraham Aiyash, State Representative for Michigan's 9th District in Lansing, and former HPS student visit Ms. Tanner's Michigan History class.

He spoke to students about his job as a Representative. He explained to them about what it means to be a Representative in Lansing, some of the laws he has helped to pass, and some of the

Bills he is introducing. He spoke about the schooling he needed after graduating from Hamtramck High School, and what led him to become a Representative.

He also spoke of the importance of the Census, and how it impacts districts and representation in Lansing.

Students thoroughly enjoyed his visit!

**State Rep. Abraham Aiyash (center) was one of several guest speakers who visited Kosciuszko Middle School this past year. Students also visited museums, walked through nature trails and learned cutting edge computer programming.**

## Congratulations Hamtramck High School Class of 2022 Graduating Seniors

## Recreation program has something for everyone

**By Craig Daniels, Director**

Hamtramck Recreation Department offers a variety of fun and engaging programs for the entire family.

We represent different cultures that reflect our own unique shapes, sizes, ages, abilities and religions. It is exciting to have so many people to learn from, cultivate understanding with, and to create friendships.

We offer sports, arts, field trips, and special events, and the 2021-2022 year was great!

We hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. This year we were able to expand our programming after loosened COVID restrictions last July.

Indoor programs at the Community Center and swim lessons at the High School returned after many months. As usual, our Movie in the Park series was a success and will kick off this year June 17th showing Marvel's Shang Chi at Pulaski Park.

Another big hit was The Back to School Movie in the Park to end the summer. We gave away backpacks with school supplies, delicious snacks, and completed a fun Back to School arts and craft. Be sure to stay tuned for this year's event.

As we move into the warmer months, you will have many opportunities through our department and parks to immerse yourself in our programs.

Registration has already begun for the 7-week summer playground program, taekwondo, dance, and a variety of family and senior field trips. One that's deemed to be popular is the Community Appreciation trip to Blake's

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# Special Education Department had a challenging year

By **Menhem Aouad, Director**

A year full of challenges was met with vigor. It is with pleasure that I continue to serve the Hamtramck Public Schools, Students, Parents, Staff, and Community as a Director of Student Services. This year was full of challenges, some were easier to address than others. As we resumed the school year in September, following approximately a year and a half of pandemic related remote learning, we were immediately challenged by the national shortage of bus drivers and buses that impacted our transportation services. These challenges created many inconveniences

to our families and students, which we regret. We were able to resolve these challenges by working collaboratively with our transportation provider to secure drivers and buses for our students with special needs, and ensuring their transportation is prioritized. The first few months of the school year were challenging in that regard. However, we were able to successfully resolve this concern. We continue our work towards meeting the needs of our students on the Autism Spectrum Disorder. In response to the national trend of early identification of students on the Autism Spectrum, and the rising incident rate in

this category of eligibility, this year we partnered with Wayne RESA for additional support and consultation that resulted in the district opening an additional Autism classroom. By the start of the 2022-2023 school year, we aim to offer our community and students three (3) Autism Categorical Classroom Programs at the elementary level. For the time being, pre-school students eligible students can continue to receive services in the district on a walk-in basis or they can be referred for placement in our partner programs outside of the district. The Special Education Department continues to work with the Hamtramck Public Schools to advocate for

an Early Childhood Special Education Program. Lastly, the district is seeking a parent representative to serve on the Wayne RESA Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). Interested parents must be parents of students currently receiving special education services in the Hamtramck Public Schools. If you would like to be considered for this role, please contact Mr. Menhem Aouad, Director of Special Education in writing at Hamtramck Public Schools, Special Education Department, c/o Menhem Aouad, 3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

# ELD Department here to help students grow

By **Mirjana Maros ELD District Facilitator**

There is an Islamic proverb that states “A lot of different flowers make a bouquet.”Hamtramck Public Schools, with its diverse population, represent those beautiful bouquets. The ELD Department ensures that our student population, our unique blossoms, constantly grow and thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. Out of the total HPS enrollment, 63.4% of students are active Multilingual Learners (MLL). ELD Department ensures that various activities are facilitated throughout the school year to support our MLLs: planning and delivery of common core aligned English language instruction, conducting staff development, communicating students’ progress to families by utilization of ELD progress reports, ensuring that data is periodically reviewed to inform, evaluate, and adjust instruction, targeting long term MLLs with Read 180, Math 180, and Systems 44 programs and other specific interventions,

etc. ELD Department provides the infrastructure for assessment and alternative assessment of EL students (materials needs, training and scheduling), as well as identification, placement, and annual progress monitoring of MLLs. HPS has a very active Parent Engagement Team and School and Community Facilitators who provide direct family support (food distribution, clothes, supplies, job resources, links people in need of medical care with free resources, etc.). School and Community Facilitators help foster students and homeless families. The ELD Department is an integral part of the HPS system. Whether a student comes to us as a newcomer, immigrant, refugee, a student with interrupted formal education or someone who experienced the American school system in a different state or a school district, they will be welcomed, their needs identified, and the appropriate system of support will be put in place for them.

## Meeting the needs of students at Horizon

By **Nuo Ivezaj, Principal**  
The Michigan Department of Education defines a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) as a comprehensive framework comprised

of a collection of research-based strategies designed to meet the individual needs and assets of the whole child. For MTSS, a school must first establish its tier 1, or universal supports. Universal supports are the instructional practices that help all students in a school. Once the universal supports are in place, staff can use assessment data to determine which students need additional supports. The intensity and duration of supports increase for tiers 2 and 3. The appropriate level of support for each student is determined by assessment data. At Horizon equity-based MTSS is an organic response to meet students’ individual needs. We remove barriers, interrupt inequitable situations, and cultivate opportunities based on student’s individual goals and plans. We encourage each student to define their own success and goals. We provide a dynamic learning environment and supportive school culture to maximize their potential and increase motivation. We collaborate as a school with students, families, and the community. At Horizon we pride ourselves on being more individualized and discovering the unique backgrounds of each student. To foster engagement and trust, we build strong relationships with our students. MTSS at Horizon is a priority.

## Tau Beta Tigers reflect and redefine success

By **Kim Winiarski, Principal**

At Tau Beta, it was a year of recovery from a year of virtual learning, Tau Beta had to reset expectations for teaching and learning. Throughout the year, Hamtramck Public Schools has reflected and redefined safety standards, and learning virtually when appropriate due to the rise in COVID cases. This led to teachers and students alike having to adjust and transform their teaching and learning styles to meet the needs of everyday routines and structures. Each time we returned face-to-face, we revisited classroom expectations as if it were Day One in September. Teaching and learning expectations were heightened to a new level and everyone continues to be held accountable: teachers, students, families, support staff, and building administration. Teacher and student relationships became a priority to maintain as Expect Respect was implemented, along with other building strategies to encourage and recognize positive behavior among our student body. As Tigers (school mascot), students earn Pawsitive Rewards for modeling respect and responsibility throughout the build-

ing: hallway, lunch room, classroom, arrival/dismissal, and during specials classes. At the end of each month, names from each classroom are randomly selected to earn prizes and be recognized on our communication platform, Class Dojo. Middle school students became VIP Student Leaders and were able to select a staff member to complete daily duties. During late start Wednesdays, Tau Beta prioritized in-class strategies and focused on creating a learning environment that reflects language-rich interactive classrooms. Best practices and strategies were discussed and implemented in the class to support learning of all styles and types. Teachers collaborated throughout the District and we were able to analyze classroom data and measure student growth towards Michigan Common Core State Standards. As 2021-22 comes to an end, we reflect on our past accomplishments and set new goals for 2022-23. Tau Beta will continue to heighten our expectations for teaching and learning through the lense of our teachers, students, family, and community.

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We encourage you to participate in all we have to offer. A world of friends, fun, and fitness awaits just outside your door. We hope to see you this summer and thank you for a great year!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date information. If you have any suggestions don't hesitate to share them with us.

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# A new principal's vantage point at Dickinson

By Afrin Alavi, Principal

As a new administrator at DE, there was a huge learning curve. Eventually, though, I became comfortable with the sights and sounds of my new setting and can now say we survived as did our Dolphins.

There was a point where we wondered if any of us would make it, but we did. Another school year is officially history. It went by so quick. Part of me is grateful while another part of me says my world ought to slow down. On this road to my old age, time appears to zoom at an amazingly fast stride.

With the year coming to a close, I have taken stock and determined that we are no worse for the wear.

The KGers are 1 st graders; the 3 rd graders will move to the West Wing as 4 th graders, the 6th graders are middle schoolers; the rookie teachers are one step closer to 'veteranship'; veterans are ... well ... more refined veterans. School year we hardly knew you. While it has run its course for 2021-2022, it will return. From enrollment to Thanksgiving to Winter Break to Building Issues (eek...I hope not) to Spring Break, to Testing and more Testing, it is gone for now, but it will be back. And as with some other school years...it was time for this one to go.

Each school year has a very individual feel to it. We kept our heads above water for another 180 days. As much as we have been looking forward to the end of this year, most of us are already looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year!

# Dickinson West Elementary focuses on 'blended learning'

By Joi Danforth, Principal

The 2021/ 22 school year has been a year full of excitement and challenges!

There has been a mix of both virtual and in-person learning and students were able to learn and grow through it all. Dickinson West's staff worked hard to deliver high quality instruction for all core subjects as well as attend to the social and emotional needs of our students as they adjusted to learning in-person again.

Dickinson West (DW) teachers used the blended learning model to maintain a healthy balance of the use of technology and face to face learning. Blending both digital independent practice with small group targeted intervention and instruction, helped our staff to personalize the learning and meet each students' needs.

DW student were also able to benefit from our after-school STEAM programs and after school teacher assistance. This year, students were able to take acting and screen writing classes, coding, poetry and storytelling, and show choir classes.

We look forward to extending these classes and providing even more opportunities to our students to expand their knowledge and use their reading, writing and math skills to do creative and innovative things.

DW worked hard this year to partner with parents to better support our students. Our Parent Engagement Facilitator Corlis Brown-Lloyd, worked hard to engage parents in learning activities with their children.

We hosted parent meetings every Tuesday with a focus on assisting our parents who are new to this country with literacy. We were also able to host multiple family fun events, including an after-school trip to the Hamtramck Public Library, family cooking and fitness classes, and other family engagement sessions after school.

Our parents really enjoyed and appreciated each event; they learned a lot and fun was had by all!

The Dickinson West educational community continues to learn and grow together. We are committed to doing what is best for our students and their families and we will continue to use research based best practices to increase student knowledge and provide enriching experiences for our children.

# HPS is keeping up with demands for technology

By Marc Wilkinson  
Director of Technology

The Hamtramck Public Schools Technology Department is working diligently to serve our students, staff, and families' technology.

Winding down the school year the technology department has met many project goals set forth in the previous year which brings some very exciting upgrades and updates to our technology.

One of our department goals was setting up a better means of tracking and resolving our troubleshooting tasks. In response to this the department rolled out a more robust platform for our IT tickets.

The software platform is called IncidentIQ and provides more automation in the handling off day to day troubleshooting and service to our staff and students.

Since March of 2020, our learning community has experienced a large shift in the way we work, learn, and recreate, bringing technology to the center of many of these aspects of daily life. With a huge rise in demand for technology and the vast increase in the use of our networks, we must consistently upgrade not only our devices but also the networks that connect them.

HPS technology has successfully completed two large network upgrades.

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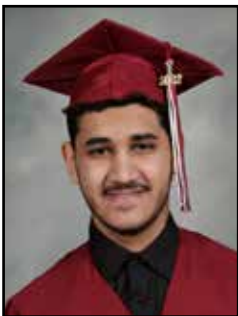
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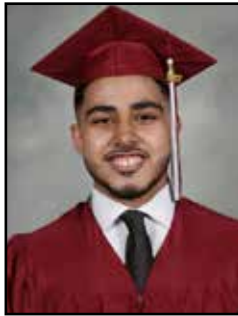
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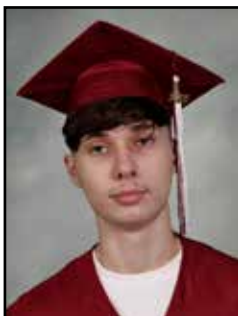
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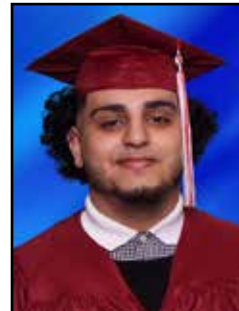
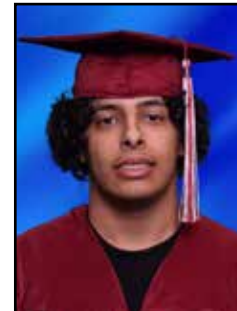

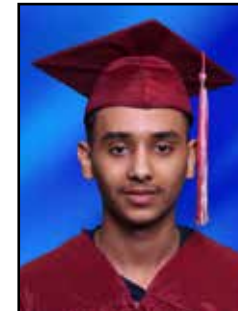
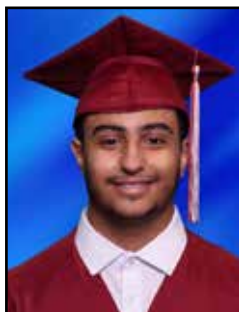
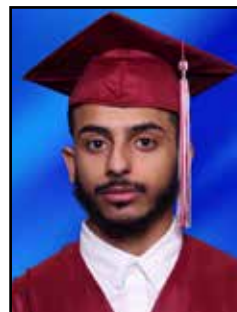
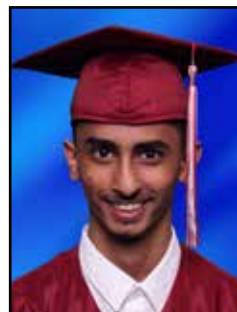









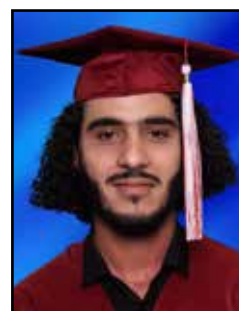







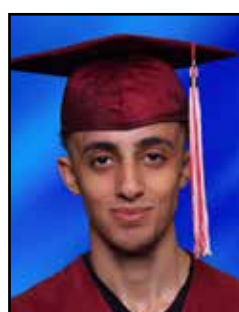






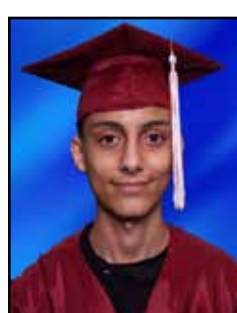

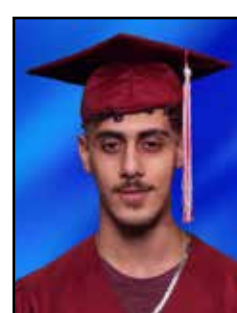










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existing WIFI network with the next in the evolution of speed and reliability! Over spring break, we installed a very important upgraded, our district firewall which provides a layer of security to our staff and students.

This firewall is central to our very important internet circuit upgrade which will increase the shared internet speed of all our buildings approximately ten times!

The technology department has successfully rolled out a new website with a completely updat-

ed user-friendly interface in hopes to provide a better experience for all. The website also touts different school building templates so our buildings can differentiate from one another.

Parent square our new communications platform that was rolled out this year has proven to be a more effective means of communication then previous platforms. Make sure to keep your building main officers up to date on your contact information!

Over the summer be-

sides the normal responsibilities of disconnecting every room in the district for cleaning, the technology department will be working on our federally funded Chromebook device preparation deemed 1:1 for our students to continue have at home. These devices must be issued to our students are not eligible to be stored in the buildings.

I wish the students, families, and staff of Hamtramck a well-deserved, safe, healthy, and happy summer break!

# At Holbrook Elementary, the focus is on the ‘whole’ child

By Thomas Talmadge, Principal

For our Holbrook Hawks, the 2021-22 school year like the previous 19-20 and 20-21 school years has been the first of its kind for our historic building.

For some of our students this year was their first time away from home and attending school in person despite being in 2nd grade.

No matter what grade level or staff position in the building we have all needed to relearn how it interact and adjust to in person learning.

In the beginning the challenge was how to teach using modern strategies while keeping kids social distanced and wearing masks. We are proud of our students and staff for their efforts to continue

wearing a mask despite the mandate being lifted.

Because of these extra continued precautions, Holbrook has had very few cases of COVID reported.

As we continue into next year academic success is the highest priority. In order to ensure our students success, we will continue to train and support our highly qualified staff so they can deliver the most vetted curriculum available.

While the building itself turned 125 years old this year, Holbrook School continues to provide 21st century technology in the classroom and in our students’ homes with one-to-one Chromebooks.

With our staff, curriculum, and technology in place Holbrook has focused on the whole child. We continue to offer free

and reduced lunch along with breakfast and an afternoon healthy snack.

Once student’s basic needs are met, they are most likely to be successful. If a student is in need of additional support outside of the classroom, they can visit our onsite Reading Specialist, two English Language Specialist, Social Worker or Restorative Practice teacher depending on their need.

As the 2021-22 school year comes to a close, we very much look forward to an amazing 2022-23 school year, but even before that, we look forward to hosting a fun educational interactive STEAM Summer School program from June 27th to July 22nd for our enrolled students.

GO HAWKS!

# Early Childhood School is the beginning path toward education

By Vickie Smith, Principal

ECE is the place to be, Empowering Children Educationally!

This has been our motto to this year, and we have had an amazing year. We welcomed our students back in September, and we have been going full steam ahead ever since.

We have focused on optimizing the learning environment for all students, and we have had fun together watching our students grow and thrive. We are thrilled with our success and the continuous support from our ECE families and community members.

We began the year by painting and refreshing our school. The ECE staff ordered new supplies, disposed of old materials, and made our school environment friendly, warm, and welcoming.

That’s who our staff is, a very dedicated group of individuals who are family, who work collaboratively together toward a common goal – to ensure that all students are loved and cared for in an optimal learning environment with high expectations that lead to mastery and success.

We are also a diverse community, and we seek to learn and to celebrate our successes together. Although we are still in a pandemic, we have made some amazing

strides academically, socially, and emotionally as a school family.

This year, our students increased their reading significantly with our schoolwide phonics program, “Foundations.”

Our multilanguage learners also improved considerably in reading, speaking, listening, and writing. In math, our dedicated and amazing math tutors met with small groups of students daily to increase student expertise and understanding of math concepts.

Classroom teachers focused on math and used concrete math manipulatives to deepen student understanding. Again, this was very successful, and our students loved it.

We truly love our students at Early Childhood Elementary School. From our veteran teachers and paraprofessionals who have been at ECE over twenty years to our new preschool teachers and paras, the outstanding job that they have done this year has been amazing.

Our students are constantly engaged in a variety of stimulating activities, including playing and learning new games in gym, making beautiful and unique creations in art, singing and learning about instruments in music class, making ice cream, growing flowers,

playing with the new tricycles and playground equipment inside and outside during our two daily recess times, conducting science experiments, marching in the Hat Parade, and staying after school for classes in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Lab.

Our K-2 students and staff were thrilled to finally go on a field trip together at the Detroit Zoo. Our preschool students will meet and play together at the park with our families soon.

Overall, ECE has had a fantastic year and we look forward to an even better year in the fall. We are excited that all students are offered the opportunity to attend a hands-on, engaging STEAM Summer Academy at ECE.

We are delighted to continue learning with our students - the best hope for the future for a more peaceful and better world! ECE is the place to be, Empowering Children Educationally!



# Review essay winners discuss their inspirations

By Mira Hughes

In my life, I look up to a few important people for inspiration and guidance. My Grandma Jane, Ms. Molnar from Hamtramck High School and Detroit artists Nancy Mitchnick.

My Grandma Jane is a retired college professor. She pursued her doctorate degree in the early 70s as a widow and a single parent of my mom. She is incredibly smart and wise. Every year for my birthday, she picks out a book for me. They range from historical fiction novels to poems by T.S Eliot. I give my grandmother credit for my drive to read. In elementary school, I would read on the couch for hours after school. She is the reason I have worked so hard in my education, become so passionate about particular subjects such as art and history, and pushed myself to become what I’ve always wanted to be, a

University of Michigan student.

Ms. Molnar is a teacher at Hamtramck High School. I have had her creative writing and speech and drama classes, and I also have seen her every week since 9th grade for improv class after school. Although Ms. Molnar is a whole head shorter than me, I have looked up to her since the moment I stepped into her room in freshman year. She has pushed me to break out of my shell and write and create in unexpected ways. I have learned so much from her. She assigns – with crativi9ty and experimentation – and with her wisdom in mind, I will work my hardest in college.

Detroit artist, Nancy Mitchnick, is a friend and mentor of mine. She has told me some amazing stories of her life from when she was a young artist in New York, and from her time teach-

ing at Harvard. She has inspired me to continue painting and to develop my artistic work. During the past two years, we have talked about many subjects from science to philosophy. What I admire about Nancy is her eagerness to learn. She has made me see the world differently, and because of her I work to be open to learn. She has made me see the world differently, and because of her I work to be open to learn and experience life to the fullest.

My role models all share on thing in common. I am closely connected to all of them. These personal connections are the most meaningful to me, and what I have learned from my role models I will carry with me for the rest of my life, and especially as I enter this new chapter in my life at the University of Michigan.

By Akhy Begum

Have you ever met someone who truly changed your life for the better? Well, I can say that I have. While most people might think that their parents influence their academic career in a negative way, I for one was lucky that my parents were there in my journey. My role model is Dad and he has helped me achieve my academic goals.

My Dad encouraged me throughout my academic journey. While growing up, I have always seen how hard working my father is. No matter the situation, my Dad has always chosen to never give up. Whenever I think I will not be able to achieve my goals, I remind myself of how my Dad sees giving up as one of the worst things a human can do. My Dad always had hope in the worst of situations. He knew that a person could achieve their goals as long as they never let their fear overpower them. My Dad would spend most of his days capturing the beauty of

nature through his camera. He saw the beauty in any situation. He wanted to become a photographer and spend his days traveling and meeting people. Unfortunately, he was born into a society where he was unable to become a photographer. Even though it pained him to let go of his dreams, he still didn’t lose hope and knew that he wasn’t going to let society ruin any more dreams. That is why he worked hard to go to America to give his children the opportunity of a quality education and give them the opportunity to be able to achieve any dreams of their desires. There were days where I remember he was struggling, almost unable to work. I saw the pain in his eyes, but he kept a straight face and didn’t show a slight sign of struggle. My Dad’s determination gave me the inspiration and encouragement to work hard in school. No matter when I wanted to give up in school, I knew that I wanted to be just as hardworking as

my Dad is. That is why I worked hard in school. The countless hours and days filled with struggles from school. I chose to never give up and use the opportunity that my Dad gave me. This year I was accepted to my dream college and I am going to be the first in my family to be able to attend college. It is my greatest honor to have my Dad as my role model because he gave me the encouragement that I needed to succeed in school.

My greatest role model is my Dad and he has helped me achieve my academic goals. From seeing my Dad’s struggles and how hardworking he truly is, it was an inspiration to me. Whenever I thought of giving up, my Dad was the reason that I never did and instead had hope. With the help of my Dad, I was the first one in my family to get into college, and I am so grateful to have such a great role model present in my life.





# Request for Bids

On behalf of Oakland International Academy  
(4 buildings- Detroit and Hamtramck) and Caniff Liberty  
Academy (2650 Caniff, Hamtramck), Education  
Management & Networks is requesting competitive bids  
for annual maintenance projects and other renovations.  
The formal Request For Proposal (RFP) with bid process  
and due dates can be requested from **Mr.**  
**Ehab Hassan at 248-327-7673 or by e-mail**  
**at [Ehab.hassan@emanschools.net](mailto:Ehab.hassan@emanschools.net).**

## Despite a challenging year, HHS students succeeded

Thank you to the Hamtramck community for entrusting us with the education of their children. We look forward to doing it better than ever in the upcoming years. Go Cosmos!



***It's Time to Pray,  
Please Join Us***

We are a Multicultural Parish Family  
 Sunday English Mass 9 a.m.  
 Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 Everyone is Welcome to Worship with Us

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**Sunday, June 12th,  
Mass at 9:00 am**

**June 11 – Soup Kitchen  
Take-out only 2-4 pm  
Everyone Welcome!**

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