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Quick Hits

Congratulations to the Class of 2023

By Charles Sercombe
As you can see, this week's issue of The Review is devoted solely to the Hamtramck Public School District.

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

The HPS District, like many others, is still getting used to being back to in-person learning. Coming out of the three-year covid pandemic was no easy task.

And, it certainly wasn't easy for our students.

The pandemic took a toll on all school districts.

But, Hamtramck always perseveres in matters like this.

This issue is also dedicated to the high schools graduates, who now face a very challenging world. Fortunately, living in Hamtramck gives these students an advantage in growing up in the "real world."

A world that is diverse, multi-ethnic and multi-racial.

There are a lot of opportunities for young folks these days, and the chance to get ahead is greater than ever.

Our students are amazing for a lot of reasons, most of which are that they share a common trait: to succeed.

Hamtramck is immeasurably better off for their diverse experience, and so will be our nation.

Our hats are off to the administrators, teachers, and many staffers who make Hamtramck's educational experience not only memorable, but also a valuable asset.

We're sure that you will be impressed by the achievements of our public school district during the past year.

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

Congratulations, seniors, and here's to successful careers ahead for all of you.

Your Hamtramck Public School Board

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District's financial picture is healthy as we continue to serve students

By Sherry A. Lynem
Chief Financial Officer

The General Fund is the Operating Fund of the District. It is where all the money used to run day-to-day operations is accounted for.

These operations include making payroll for more than 400 employees, providing teachers and staff with training, purchasing supplies, materials, furniture and equipment, utilities, and repairing and maintaining our buildings.

We collaborate with management and the School Board to make sure the District's priorities are met. Because

of our strong financial management our General Fund has a healthy surplus.

We have a balanced budget, and the district's finances are audited by an independent auditing firm every year. We are very happy to report that we once again have received an Unmodified Opinion from the auditing firm of Yeo&Yeo. This is the highest rating possible of our finances and internal controls.

We have concentrated our spending on supporting students and teachers. We have been able to purchase new curriculum, increased our EL

staff and equipment & programs to support our EL students. We have made sure funds are available to provide after school tutoring programs and robust summer school programs.

We have continued to upgrade technology throughout the District, and we have a one-to-one student/device ratio. We have made many building improvements, including new facelift to Holbrook Elementary, an updated courtyard in front of the Community Center, we are replacing and upgrading windows and HVAC units across the district, a new kitchen and updated

cafeteria is going into Holbrook, to name a few.

The job of the Finance Department is to support the instructional efforts of the school district so that they can have the ability to afford the human resources and supplies they need to do the best job possible in nurturing and educating our students.

As a 12-year Director of Finance in Hamtramck Public Schools, I am very proud of the dedication that our instructional team puts forth on a daily basis. I consider myself to be blessed to be able to do my part to help them.

Reflecting on a year of growth

By Jaleelah Hassan Ahmed
HPS Superintendent

Growth, development and academic achievement are three things all educators hope their students gain in a school year.



Jaleelah Hassan Ahmed

We thrive when our students thrive, and that's apparent when reviewing the successes made in our buildings this year. As we come to the conclusion of the 2022-23 academic calendar, I want to take a moment to celebrate all we have accomplished together, as a school community, and provide updates about ongoing initiatives.

I value the participation of our students, families, teachers and entire community as partners with Hamtramck Public Schools. The education one receives from living, volunteering and participating in community activities and initiatives is invaluable and I hope we can continue to work together to bring the very best opportunities to our students.

I am also proud of the numerous clubs and after-school activities that have gathered and achieved success this year. To that end, I'd like to recognize our DECA marketing team for advancing to the International Career Development Conference this year.

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Reflecting on a year of growth

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We are proud of how you represented Hamtramck throughout the school year and during the Conference in Orlando this April. I'd also like to celebrate our Esports team for building off previous success while prioritizing inclusivity, our Outdoor Sports and Adventure Club for trying new things and seeking change and our LEAP club for taking charge over issues that are important to them.

I look forward to seeing how these students continue to impact the world around them in positive ways. None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our remarkable staff.

I have always admired our educators and the pivotal role they play in shaping the lives of our students. Their passion, expertise, and commitment to providing the best education and opportunities for our students are truly commendable. I am proud to support them and recognize that by taking care of our staff, we put students' interests first.

As a district, it is our responsibility to use and maintain funds in a way that will most benefit all students. This is why we have paid close attention to the allocation of the COVID-relief funds (ESSER

funds) the district was provided to introduce summer programming for K-8 students and after-school tutoring to address learning loss.

We continue to look for ways to bring relevant and appropriate learning opportunities to our students, including intervention and technology improvements. The additional programming and technology upgrades supported by the ESSER funds will have a substantial impact on the continued growth of our students moving forward.

Along with supplemental academic programs and new technology, the district allocated ESSER funds to make long-awaited infrastructural improvements that our buildings desperately require, including:

- Phase 1 HVAC upgrades to the district's Administration building, Community Center, Horizon High School and Tau Beta School
- Phase 1 window replacements at the Early Childhood Elementary
- Phase 2 HVAC upgrades at the Early Childhood Elementary
- Phase 2 window replacement at Holbrook Elementary
- Kitchen addition/renovations at Holbrook Elementary
- Phase 3 HVAC upgrades at Holbrook Ele-

mentary

- Phase 4 HVAC upgrades at Kosciuszko Middle School

This summer, you may see construction fences around Dickinson West on Burger Street as we fill and seal old coal bins from just below the school's basement level. This project will be done on weekends until the end of the school year and continue throughout the summer, with a completion date expected the last week of August. The district will be paying for this project using general funds.

Despite the challenges, we continue to remain resilient and focus on the work at hand. We continue to focus on student achievement and our accomplishments across Hamtramck Public Schools and we are excited about what the future holds for our students, our district and our community.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing the education of our community's children. I hope you have an incredible summer and would encourage all of our students to spend time engaged in learning activities during the break so that we are ready to build on the momentum we've developed when they return to school in September.

This summer will see many building improvements

The Building and Grounds Department, along with Partners in Architecture, have a very busy summer ahead of us. We will be starting many projects throughout the district and many of our buildings will be impacted in a very positive way.

We will be upgrading our heating and cooling this summer at our Community Center, Tau Beta School, Horizon High School and the Administration Building.

Early Childhood Elementary construction will be comprised of two separate projects; heating and cooling upgrades as well as window replacement.

Holbrook Elementary will be receiving new windows and a kitchen housed in a building addition, providing a larger working space as well as an improved system for serving our student's meals. Holbrook will also be receiving a playground for our students with special needs.

Kosciuszko Middle School/Dickinson West Elementary is in the process of some structural repair work ensuring the safety of both our students and staff as well as ensuring the integrity of the building for future generations of Hamtramck families.

Currently we are moving forward working with our architects to finalize plans for heating/cooling and window upgrades at Dickinson East Elementary, Hamtramck High School, Kosciuszko Middle School/Dickinson West Elementary and Holbrook Elementary School.

The Maintenance Department is wishing the students and families of the City of Hamtramck a restful and healthy summer. We look forward to welcoming you back to our newly improved buildings in the fall.

Reflections: Dickinson East in 2022-2023

By Afrin F. Alavi
Principal, Dickinson East Elementary

As we are now nearing our final month of school, reflection is present in our thoughts.

Our want is that we will be able to identify our successes, appreciate challenges, and plan possible pathways for continued growth. We celebrate much. For starters, we honor our enthusiastic students, determined staff and dedicated families.

Moreover, Walled Lake Northern High School selected Dickinson East (DE) for their yearly gift giving

venture and amazed us on that warm December day, showering our Dolphins with gifts aplenty and treating staff to a yummy breakfast and bags of goodies.

Additionally, an awe-inspiring former DE student, now in the technology business, very generously chose our school for a \$20,000 donation that helped in providing field trips for every grade level. The list goes on. We are so humbled by the many simple and grand gestures showered upon us.

We have achieved much over the past 10 months and are working towards

At Tau Beta ‘everyday is a good day’

Tau Beta School has made remarkable strides for 2022-23. To begin, 95% of our certified staff returned for the 2022-23 school year.

Our student enrollment remained on average of roughly 255 students. When students leave Tau Beta, they travel overseas for a length of time or move out of Hamtramck.

Literacy was a District focus this year and with our student body being 83% English Language Learners, our support staff revised groupings to best meet the academic needs of our struggling readers.

Our support staff consists of 2 EL teachers and one Title Reading Teacher. Mrs. Prys (EL Building Coordinator) services 81 students, Ms. Larsen (EL Teacher) services 82 students, and Mrs. Ruzycki (Title Reading Teacher) serves an average of 67 students throughout the year. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and students enjoy the small group experience. Elementary teachers have embedded direct phonics instruction, with the implementation of Foundations (K, 1st, 2nd) and Just Words (Intervention, grade 3+).

We have already seen an increase in student reading performance analyzing local data from Fall to Winter and are excited

for our Spring results!

Our middle school student body now has transitioning classes for all content areas. We have launched a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Curriculum, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) which provides experiences for our students that create meaningful futures.

Our teachers have incorporated opportunities for our students outside the classroom to expand on their lessons. With Title Funding, we have enhanced our learning experiences with the Holocaust Museum, Detroit Historical Museum, Henry Ford Museum, Detroit Institute of Arts, and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

We have also partnered with Cranbrook Institute of Science for an engaging assembly and co-taught classroom science demonstrations and experiments.

With the support of our Restorative Practice Coordinator, Danielle Nagle, we have revised and amped up our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system with student weekly students incentives.

Students are recognized throughout each day, by any staff member, and collect PAWsitive Tiger Tickets. Elementary students earn fun rewards and middle school

students use an economy system, purchasing select items with these tickets (outdoor social time, pizza for lunch, building assistants, and many more).

Our School Social Worker, Amy Vaillencourt, has provided a wealth of resources adding to our collection of PBIS tools. One specific program she on boarded was Navigate360.

Navigate360 provides self-paced lessons for students who need intervention support with Social/Emotional needs that is targeted to observed behaviors. Teachers are encouraged to utilize this tool as we continue to focus on Character Traits throughout the year.

This year for March is Reading Month, we participated in “One Book, One School,” and provided our students with a copy of Charlotte's Web, continuing to build their at home library and encourage literacy practice at home.

Staff volunteered their time recording chapters that were provided to families on communication platforms. This incentive provides our community access to books and engages family in the learning process. We are excited to continue this for years to come!

Every day at Tau Beta is a good day to be a Tiger!

The 2022/23 school year has been Amazing at Dickinson West!

By Joi Danforth
Principal, Dickinson West

We worked to re-establish our W.I.N. (What I Need) Time during school hours; this 30 minute block of time per grade level is designed to help teachers and students stop everything that they are doing and address the deficits that our students may have.

We spend this time reviewing math and reading at each student's level of readiness to learn. This is helping DW to close the learning gap and students are beginning to achieve beyond a regular year of growth.

The Dickinson West learning community also launched our Bulldog Cafe' for 6th graders. This is a time for 6th grade students to not only make up work that they have missed, but an opportunity for teachers to reteach concepts that students haven't mastered.

This opportunity helps students to build a sense of self accountability and to receive extra help in a safe space. The Bulldog cafe' runs after school

twice per week and we are looking into expanding the program next year by adding 5th grade and additional after school time.

The Dickinson West community has grown as a body of learners this school year. Regardless of what the next school year may bring, we will continue to approach every challenge with a sense of collective responsibility for our students. We will work as a team to ensure that students receive the needed education and support and we are excited for what the future holds for our school.

Thank you to the extraordinary staff members who worked hard to ensure that our students and families were taken care of through the 2022/23 school year.

The work of education is tough and you all work to support our educational community while still working to maintain personal lives and families of your own; for this you are appreciated. This is the work of heroes!

We don't know what the future will bring, but we are up to the challenge!

Obituaries

LEWKOWIC

Alan Lewkowicz, 74, died May 16, 2023.

Brother of Joan, Peter (Noel) Zajac and the late James and Robert; step brother of Deb Sikora and Brian Zajac. Alan is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Alan served his coun-



try in the United States Army and then served the City of Hamtramck as the Deputy Treasurer and Deputy City Clerk.

Memorial Visitation, Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 12 Noon till 3 PM at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Inurnment at a future date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI.

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Abdo, Ramzi



Ahmed, Foysal



Ahmed, Maysha



Ahmed, Nishat



Ahmed, Samia



Ahmed, Sarraf



Ahshan, Ahmed



Aiyash, Fatima



Aiyash, Reyman



Aziz, Kaise



Aktar, Samira



Akther, Samia



Al Hemyari, Ali



Al Qosimi, Gehan



Al-Aqab, Yacoab



Al-Gaadi, Anwar



Al-Awdi, Janat



Al-Namer, Younise



Al-Rezaki, Hamzah



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Alawdi, Muad



Alduais, Mohammed



Algahim, Asem



Algohim, Nabiha



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Ali, Nashwan



Ali, Samah



Almadrahi, Nagi



Almansob, Mukalah



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Alowdi, Asma



Alrefae, Abdu



Alrfai, Thar



Alrohani, Bassmah



Alsalamy, Ahmed



Alsayadi, Najmaddin



Alshabi, Mohammed



Alshuweyh, Thyab



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Alsomairi, Shahs



Balija, Erol



Begum, Gulnaj



Begum, Humayra



Begum, Nadia



Begum, Nadiyah



Begum, Naima



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Brown, Zante'



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Chowdhury, Nafisa



Chowdhury, Tasmi



Chowdhury, Walida



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Das, Moumita



Das, Susmita



Dass, Bristy



Deumah, Ali



Deumah, Bassam



Dipthi, Humayra



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Haque, Nabiul



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Hussain, Jahangir



Hussain, Sakib



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Hussein, Hannan



Imran, Daniyal



Islam, Hushen



Islam, MD



Islam, Shahriar



Islam, Talal



Islam, Tayeful



Islam, Thawhidul



Ismail, Rawan



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Karasuljic', Eldina



Karim, Md



Khan, Forhad



Khan, Omar



Khatun, Syeda



Khess, Cynthia



Lewis, Shawna



Lihan, Akib



Maruf, Istiak



Mashrah, Al-Khalil



Masood, Mohamed



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Rageh, Sarah



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Meet the 2023 graduates of Horizon High


							
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Amir Peterson	Andre' Stubbs	Antania Green	Ardur Rahul	Bishal Paul	Brianna Conley	Christine Kegler	Dai'Chele Stephens

							
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Congratulations Class of 2023 Seniors

Focusing on the ‘whole child’ at the Early Elementary School

By Vickie Smith
Principal, ECE

Early Childhood Elementary School is designed for our youngest students in the Hamtramck School District.

ECE is like a garden, where all students are nurtured and given all the love and care possible from our veteran staff to flourish and blossom into mature adults who make a positive difference in the world.

Although we have faced many challenges this year, ECE Cubs have continued to thrive and grow. We are a dedicated, veteran staff who believes in focusing on the “whole child,” socially, emotional-

ly, academically, and physically. At ECE, we love our students and families.

Through persistence and resilience this year, our students have learned on many levels, made new friends, and have proven that children can and do excel with a caring teacher.

When I walk through the classrooms, I see students who are happy and excited to be at ECE. I see teachers and staff members ensuring that all students have support to reach their potential. There is laughter, joy, and the students have pride in their accomplishments.

At ECE, we believe in strong partnerships with

our families. Some of our teachers have “grand students,” because they are now teaching the children of the children that they taught.

The legacy of love continues at ECE with high expectations and learning in and out of the classroom. From planting flowers to outside recess and field trips, the learning environment at ECE is rich with cultural celebrations, music concerts, a Math Lab for all children, a STEAM Lab, Arabic Club, and a Hat Parade.

Truly, ECE is the place to be, Empowering Children Educationally!

Now is the time to enroll in the HPS District

By Gary Stevens
Director of Pupil Services

On March 15, 2023, we held our kindergarten round-up for the 2023-2024 school year at the Hamtramck Community Center.

We had over 30 families show up for the event to register their student and to learn more about what Hamtramck Public Schools have to offer.

Families and students were able to meet kindergarten teachers and principals throughout the district. Currently we are in the process of planning our annual Hamtramck Public Schools family fun fair that will take place on Wednesday August 16th, 2023, at Pulaski Park from 11 AM - 2PM.

We will have giveaways as well as fun activities for students to participate in. Please visit our website at www.hamtramckschools.org during the months of July and August for my information.

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. If you are a current resident of Ham-

tramck, and would like to enroll a student, please bring the following information into the administration building Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

An enrollment packet will also need to be filled out and turned in, and it should include:

- A photo I.D. from the Parent/Guardian
- Proof of Residency papers (gas, electric, phone, water, cable, property tax bill etc....) must be within the past 30 days of enrolling
- Birth Certificate of student (must be translated into English)
- Up to date Immunization Record
- Health Appraisal (kindergarten only)
- Kindergarten Waiver (if student turns 5 years old between Sept 2nd - Dec. 1st of current year)

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year School of Choice Program has begun and will run until July 31, 2023.

This is open to all Wayne County residents.

If you would like to have your student attend Ham-

tramck Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year, please bring the following information into the administration building Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. An enrollment packet will also need to be filled out and turned in. Determination letters will be sent via US mail during the month of August.

You'll need to include:

- A photo I.D. from the Parent/Guardian
- Proof of Residency papers (gas, electric, phone, water, cable, property tax bill etc....) must be within the past 30 days of enrolling
- Birth Certificate of student (must be translated into English)
- Up to date Immunization Records
- 21-22 and 22-23 discipline records
- 22-23 Transcripts/End of year report card
- Health Appraisal (kindergarten only)
- Kindergarten Waiver (if student turns 5 years old between Sept 2nd - Dec. 1st of current year)

Technology Department continues to upgrade our schools

By Marc Wilkinson
Director of Technology

The end of the school year is approaching and it's time to reflect on the positives of this academic session.

We are proud to say that our ECF 1:1 take-home initiative is still in process. We have one more round of devices to purchase before the grant is exhausted.

Additionally, we've scheduled the senior Chromebook turn-in for the last week in May and deployed iPads to classroom teachers. We have also finished deploying teacher laptops, monitors, and docking stations for flexible instructional use.

At Horizon High School, we refreshed ViewSonic boards, while at ECE we

introduced new ones. Furthermore, we have set up a project for the installation of an auditorium projector at ECE. To enhance network security, two-factor authentication will be deployed to staff district-wide by June 10th.

Looking forward to the coming school year, we plan to centralize the management of ViewSonic boards. We'll also purchase and deploy approximately one thousand fully federally-funded Chromebooks.

Additionally, we'll deploy an additional firewall, network electronics, and perform fiber optic maintenance. Finally, we'll set up enhanced audio and video streaming equipment in the Board Room.

We recognize the importance of communi-

cation between schools and families, especially during these challenging times. It is paramount for educators and parents to partner in students' educational journeys.

Therefore, please make sure your child's schools have up-to-date cell phone and email contact information. All it takes to avoid missing important communications is a quick phone call or email to the school's secretary.

We are happy to report that our Parent Square system shows that 77% of our families are reachable on the platform.

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

English language learners are our highest priority

By Mirjana Maros
English Language Development

ELD Department is the fastest growing department with the fastest growing student population in Hamtramck Public Schools.

As such, the ELD Department ensures that all Bilingual and Multilingual Learners (MLLs) feel supported and welcomed from day one through their entire educational and academic experience at Hamtramck Public Schools.

The ELD Department, along with its highly-qualified, committed, and dedicated staff is making a difference in lives of students, parents, and community by ensuring the best-researched practices are in place in all ELD classrooms, connecting HPS families with resources, and empowering families through ongoing Parent Engagement activities.

This school year, HPS ELD Department is proud to celebrate many achievements of their students. Across the board, our Multilingual Learners are showing growth on WIDA ACCESS State Assessment and 99 students exited EL Program due to proficiency.

They were celebrated and rewarded with backpacks full of supplies and they received achievement

certificates. There is a plan to expand this celebration for the upcoming school year.

The ELD Department is anticipating even a higher number of English Learners exiting WIDA ACCESS thanks to the commitment of our students, teachers, administrators, and supportive parents.

This month, 40 seniors will be receiving Seal Of Biliteracy, which is a new initiative and an award given by the State in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. ELD Department values, recognizes, and celebrates Bilingualism and Multilingualism as 21st century skills that make difference, equip students for the demanding and competitive workforce, and influence change in modern society.

Moreover, ELD Department is not only responsible for identification and placement of MLLs, Former English Language (FEL) monitoring, planning and conducting appropriate staff development pertaining to EL groups, planning and delivery of appropriate instruction for MLL students (to name just a few), but the whole-child approach to students' achievement and their access to personal-

ized learning.

That is the reason why the future activities of ELD Department are centered around the needs of each Multilingual and Bilingual Learner and geared to prepare them for collages, careers, and life in highly automated, fast-paced technological society.

The HPS ELD Department strives to increase the number of students showing growth and proficiency on State Assessments, increase enrollment of MLLs in honors, advanced, and dual-enrollment classes, award more Seniors with Michigan Seal of Biliteracy, and introduce more MLLs to STEM and other project-based learning that entails creativity, teamwork, and leadership.

Therefore, ELD budgetary decisions are and will always be made to equip our Multilingual Learners with research-based programs, instructional materials, and experiences to apply in a new technological era in which they will thrive and their specialized skills as multilingual individuals will be recognized and valued.

The ELD Department is looking forward to one more year of evident growth and achievements for our Multilingual Learners.

Hamtramck High School is a place of ‘joy and energy’

By Ricardo Martin, Ed.D.
Principal, Hamtramck High School

Positive resilience best describes the Hamtramck High School Class of 2023.

With tremendous perseverance seniors overcame two years of a Pandemic. In the process future graduates transformed themselves from in-person learner to virtual.

The future leaders discovered a great deal about their own character. Some learned how to be industrious. While others learned the spirit of adaptation.

What makes each senior amazing is they embody the true spirit of what it means to work as a team in togetherness.

“The Class of 2023 comes from a place of joy and energy,” said Sarah Willis, Class of 2023, Senior Sponsor.

“Together they seem to be able to define what they want and go for it. They are generally pretty inclusive of other people,” Willis added.

During the upcoming school year look bright. We look forward to an increase in college and career opportunities as our learning community visions what exactly is The Portrait of a Hamtramck High School graduate.

The question we will ask ourselves is what should a student know and be able to do by the time they reach the end of each grade level?

This starts with Summer School where students who need E2020 will benefit from Credit Recovery, Summer Recapture and a Summer Bridge programs where freshmen interest is piqued through the high school experience.

In the fall students will gain from a personalized learning approach to know their own data and benefit from character education programs, focused clubs, great electives and a robust athletic program that encourages participation in grades 9-12.

In the fall students will learn job skills development including shadowing. Plans to dive deep into Michigan Common Core standards alignment, curriculum mapping, technology enhancements, college tours, and expanded Dual Enrollment for include incoming freshman.

Ultimately each student who graduates from Hamtramck High School will leave with skills embedded in the Portrait of a Hamtramck High School graduate.

HHS Human Resources is where we ‘get it done’

By Jack Bauman

As the Interim Human Resources Director I have been busy with numerous projects since coming on board on March 20.

I have visited each school building and have made sure building administrators know I am a resource to support them. I have represent-

ed the district at Human Resources meetings in the county and been the district's liaison to other districts.

The human resources model I have tried to implement is one of collaboration with staff, unions and the community. I will make an all-out effort to fully staff district posi-

tions this summer so we can start the school year on a good note.

Ultimately solving problems is one of my strengths and I hope that Hamtramck Public Schools will benefit from my years of experience and “get it done” mindset.

Making gains at Holbrook Elementary School

By Tom Talmadge
Principal, Holbrook School

Holbrook school continues to make gains as the oldest functioning school in Michigan opening its doors in 1896. Gains like 100% of its Highly Qualified staff returning for the 2022-23 school year and students academic grow year after year. Our student enrollment has maintained the yearly average and continues to grow well into the later months of the school year. If and when a family decides to leave Holbrook it is not for another school but rather to visit their parents’ native country. Literacy was the primary focus this year as it has been in the past with over 95% of our student body being English Language

Learners (ELL). Our MTSS and classroom groupings have made it even more capable for our support staff to service our students. Each grade level has a designated time when the teacher, our two ELL specialist, and Reading Specialist service students while our amazing Paraprofessionals push in to support. While Literacy is our primary focus, the whole child is right up there if not parallel in importance with literacy. Holbrook utilizes PBIS strategies as well as support from out Restorative Practice Coordinator. In place of suspensions, we try our very best to keep students in school while focusing on the positive desirable behaviors students demonstrate.

We use multiple means of rewarding good behavior both school wide with Wonderful Kid Wednesday as well as classroom incentives with Class Dojo. As we continue to support the whole student, our School Worker, has provided a wealth of resources that she has shared with students and families in her constant interaction for the good of our students. If you are to attend Holbrook, you will feel as if you are family. We have only one section of each grade Kindergarten extending into 8th grade. We offer a small classroom setting with several supports from academic to social emotional to physical wellness. Holbrook Hawks are the best!

At Horizon, students gain skills in TV production

The 22-23 school year saw new heights for Horizon High School’s TV Production classes. Offered as an elective, TV productions gives Horizon students an opportunity to learn the basics of the TV/film industries and experience what goes on behind the scenes in the creation of a variety of media projects such as podcasting, short films, interviews, advertisements and digital photo editing. With a focus on collaboration and innovation, students are asked to think critically about the digital media they consume as they are equipped to develop the 21st century literacy skills needed to produce their own content. From writing scripts, conducting interviews, and

using cameras and editing tools, students get hands-on experience that develop a variety of skills that will help them in the future and beyond, including teamwork, writing, public speaking, using technology and building confidence. Of the most notable accomplishments this year is the conception of HAM CAM, a student-derived broadcast style show focused on “using cameras to document everything Horizon, Hamtramck and Beyond.” Produced by the students of Horizon and shared with the school, HAM CAM has become a way to bring students together and celebrate the Horizon community and its successes. Alongside HAM CAM, a

student favorite this year was the short film project, where students worked behind and in front of the camera in the production of short films that were shared on HAM CAM with the school and submitted to film festivals. Looking ahead to next year, Horizon is excited to continue building relationships with community partners such as the Hamtramck Public Library TV channel, PBS Student Reporting Labs, Detroit Public Television, D.A.F.T. and Wayne RESA’s Maker’s Summit, where Horizon students were invited back to help teach Wayne County teachers how to use video production technologies such as green screens and stop motion in their classrooms.

Your Recreation Millage Dollars At Work!

Hamtramck Recreation Department offers are variety of fun and engaging programs for the entire family. We represent different cultures that reflects 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 2022-2023 year was great! As usual our Movie in the Park series was a success and will kick off this year June 16th showing “Puss In Boots: The Last Wish at Pulaski Park.” Other successful events included Fall Harvest, Trunk or Treat, and Winterglow. Stay tuned for our upcoming events schedule

for the 2023-2024 year. 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 8-week summer playground program for kids ages 5-12, taekwondo, dance, cheerleading & tumbling, swimming, and a variety of family and senior field trips including the always popular Cedar Point on June 24th and one that’s deemed to be popular is the Community Appreciation trip to Blake’s Orchard which is only \$5 for residents. The Fitness Center at the Community Center is a great opportunity for adults to begin or continue their health and fitness journeys. Choose to utilize the gym, sauna, or take one of

our fitness classes led by certified professionals. New this year is the Women Only class at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays. Basketball and racquetball courts are also available for use. We also have the Senior Kick Fit, a free exercise class, that’s specifically tailored for seniors to help improve flexibility and gain strength. The programs are offered year-round. 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.

Meeting the needs of our special education students

By Menhem Aouad
Director of Student Services
The Hamtramck Public Schools Special Education Department has faced many challenges this year relating to the limited availability of qualified and appropriately credentialed Special Education Teachers and Related Services professionals. In spite of these challenges, Hamtramck Public Schools expanded program offering to include a new program for students with Moderate Cognitive Impairments. The new program is located at Dickinson East Elementary and is designed to support students in Kindergarten to 8th grades. The Hamtramck Public Schools continues to seek opportunities to expand programs and services to meet the needs for students in an Early Childhood Special Education Program. This year we have partnered with Wayne RESA for additional consultation supports for the ASD programs and provided many trainings to staff and para-professionals. Given the tragedies we

are faced with and hear about on regular basis, at the start of the school year, Special Education Staff including School Social Workers, School Psychologist, Counselors, Restorative Practice Staff participated and attended training focusing on suicide prevention and trauma response. Lastly, we are proud of our seniors who will be leaving the district shortly, and want to wish them well on the next journey as they move into adulthood.

KMS Cougars take 1st Place at State Conference

The KMS All Star Coalition (ASC) was started in September 2022 with the help of the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition. The coalition at KMS focuses on substance prevention among peers. They have meetings bi-weekly and focus on how to help each other spread the word about substance prevention especially at the middle school level. On Monday, April 17, the KMS All Stars Coalition, along with their teacher, Mrs. Kuzniar and HDFCC leaders Ms. Girdwood, Ms. Schafer, and Ms. Zaveta went on a field trip to the 1st Annual Youth Coalition Leadership Retreat at Camp Copneconic in Fenton. There were around 100 youth leaders in attendance from all over Michigan. The students were able to meet the other youth leaders and exchange ideas about how to prevent substance use among their peers and help those in need of mental health support. The youth at the retreat were given a task to create a 30 second public service announcement about substance prevention or mental health support. The KMS ASC decided to create a video about

what to do instead of vaping. Our KMS coalition worked together, created the video, and won first place! The first-place prize is an all-expense paid trip

to the CADCA 2023 Mid-Year Training Institute in Texas! We are very proud of our creative and dedicated KMS youth leaders! Way to go Cougars!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt Street, to review and consider the school district’s 2023-2024 proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget will be posted for examination on the Hamtramck Public Schools Website, www.hamtramckschools.org beginning June 21, 2023.

Daz’Shavon Hall, Secretary
Hamtramck Board of Education

Michigan Lottery: For Fun. For Schools!

Every time you play the lottery, it's a win for Michigan. Each purchase benefits K-12 education, gives a lift to local businesses, and supports companies that employ Michigan residents. For every \$1 spent on Lottery, 61 cents goes to prizes, 28 cents goes to the School Aid Fund, 9 cents goes to retailer and vendor commissions, and 2 cents is used for Lottery operations.

Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has contributed more than \$27 billion to support public education in Michigan, with more than \$6 billion of that coming in the last four years. Fiscal Year 2022 marked the Lottery’s fourth straight contribution of more than \$1 billion to support public education.

Almost 11,000 businesses throughout Michigan earn commissions on the sale of Lottery products as licensed retailers. Lottery sales provide a year-round revenue stream for small and large businesses alike. In the last decade, more than \$2.4 billion in sales commissions and bonuses have been paid to these businesses.

In addition to contributing to the School Aid Fund, the Lottery recognizes outstanding educators with the Excellence in Education awards. The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

One outstanding educator is selected each week and receives a \$1,500 cash prize plus a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery’s Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Each winner also will receive a plaque and be featured in a news segment on the Lottery’s media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV, Saginaw.

All public-school employees may be nominated for the awards, which recognize educators who go “above and beyond” to make a difference in the lives of children. To nominate a public-school educator, go to <https://www.michiganlottery.com/excellence-in-education>.

We recognize the challenges facing educators today, and the Lottery is proud to support Michigan public schools and the important work they do. In 2023, we look forward to another successful year and support for public schools across the state.