



August 25, 2023

Parents, Staff, and Friends of the Hartford Union High School District,,

We are just days away from the official start of the school year and cannot wait to see almost 1400 students on campus Tuesday morning, August 29th!. Please review our [district calendar](#) for a complete overview of scheduled school days during the 2023-24 school year.

Following is a brief summary of the regularly scheduled school board meeting that was held on August 23:

- Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Joe Minton, chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee provided an update on the work of this team of staff and community members. The team is exploring ideas and ways to gather feedback and engage our community. They are also working to create their “brand”, develop a strategy to prioritize needs, and begin work on a timeline containing some critical milestones in the coming weeks and months.
- Technology Update
 - Director of Technology and Future Ready Learning Val Verhunce provided an update on a number of things, including a new filtering system, new interactive display boards in classrooms, cybersecurity, and a new splash page for those accessing our guest network.
- Student Board Representatives
 - It was great to have our student board representatives join us to share a number of things on the horizon for the 23-24 school year as well as talk about the changes made to enhance the recently held Back to School Fairs.
- Tennis Complex
 - We are excited that the new complex has hosted some tennis action over the last couple of weeks. As the journey has lasted longer than expected, the contractor for the project talked about some of the obstacles that have arisen, the budget, the timeline, and how to bring finality to the project that meets the expectations of the district.
- 2023-24 Preliminary Budget
 - Executive Director of Business Services and Human Resources Rob Nelson shared the 2023-24 preliminary budget, which at this time shows a deficit in excess of \$500,000. Our district residents will have an opportunity to vote on the final budget proposed at the annual meeting scheduled for October 23.

- BoardDocs
 - We are excited to share that the August school board meeting signaled the first time the district has utilized [BoardDocs](#) to share the agenda and supplementary materials. This online platform should provide our stakeholders better access to and understanding of the work being done by our school board. Please contact me should you have any questions!

Thank you again for your engagement, and as always, please visit our customer service [link](#) if you, at any time, would be interested in providing feedback on the work we are doing at Hartford Union High School.

Go Orioles!



Mr. Jeffrey A. Walters, Superintendent
Hartford Union High School District