



June 29, 2023

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

Happy Friday everyone and I sincerely hope that everyone is staying well during the air quality issues as you try to enjoy these summer days outdoors!

Following is a brief summary of the regularly scheduled school board meeting that was held on June 26:

- Donations
 - I am so very grateful for the ongoing support we receive throughout the year from so many across our district's 225 square miles. At this past board meeting, we recognized seven organizations and multiple individuals who financially supported some aspect of what is happening at Hartford Union High School. Thank you, and special thanks to GO Riteway for covering the cost of transportation for our annual Day of Service last month.
- Budget
 - Director of Business Services Brenda Arnett shared a budget update with the school board.
 - School districts are beginning to get more clarity on the impact the state budget has on future funding for public education.
 - Early estimates show our district could have a deficit near \$350,000 for the 2023-24 school year.
- Student Meal Prices for 2023-24 School Year
 - The school board approved an increase in the lunch price for students to \$3.00, keeping HUHS the same or less than our high school counterparts across Washington County.
 - For the past three years, all students received free breakfast. For the 2023-24 school year, the board approved setting the cost of breakfast for students at \$1.00, with the remainder of the cost being covered by the food service fund balance.
- Buildings and Grounds Projects
 - The board approved the following facility projects:
 - New LED lighting in our Technical Education and Engineering spaces.
 - Relocate the district office to the space at the Southeast corner of our campus, creating a distinct separate entrance for those looking to meet with the superintendent, human resources or those in the business office.
 - Four rooftop HVAC units to be purchased and installed.
- Mental Health and Well-Being
 - The school board approved the following recommendations from the Mental Health and Well-Being Council:
 - Continue the Mental Health and Well-Being Council.
 - Adopt a strength based universal mental health and well-being framework.

- Increase student intervention access and options.
 - Develop and facilitate parent/guardian mental health and well-being learning opportunities and a resource page.
 - Facilitate designated time and space for educator mental health and well-being.
 - Develop a staff mental health and well-being resource page.
- Prohibited Materials Policy
 - Director of Curriculum Mike McIntyre summarized the board workshop that was held on June 7. Administration will be working in the coming weeks to assure a communication structure is in place regarding the opportunity for parents to be alerted when their student is checking out materials from the library. Administration will also be working with staff to assure that all syllabi, mostly shared with parents through Schoology, contain the resources used in all of the classes offered here on campus.

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