

# Huron School District

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Dear Huron Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful and restful summer break. The Huron School District is continuing to plan and prepare for our 2021-2022 school year, and we want to reach out to you with some information as we head toward August and on to the fall.

**Survey Data & Planning for the Fall:** In early June of 2021, the Huron School District sent out a parent survey. Over 800 households participated in the survey, and we had strong participation at each level: Elementary, Jr. High, & High School. The results from the survey show a strong preference for face-to-face instruction at each level. The results of the survey have helped us plan for a return to normalcy for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Instructional Model, Start Times, & Dismissal Times:** The Huron School District is returning to pre-COVID schedules at all levels for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes will be in-person, 5 days per week for all students. Start times for all buildings are listed below:

School Building	Start Time	Dismissal
Ferguson Kindergarten Center:	8:55 AM	3:55 PM
Brown & Miller Elementary Schools	8:40 AM	3:40 PM
Renton Jr. High School & Huron High School	7:45 AM	2:45 PM

**Lifting of COVID-19 Restrictions:** On June 22, 2021, the State of Michigan lifted all COVID-19 restrictions, shifting away from the previous pandemic order and state mandates. Recent communications from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services have provided “guidelines” with recommendations for schools pertaining to mask wearing and other mitigation strategies. As a result, the Huron School District will not be requiring face covering usage for the 2021-2022 school year. Instead, the use of face coverings will be recommended, but optional. Daily self-screening, quarantine due to exposure, and other mitigation practices such as hand washing and cleaning protocols are still in effect.

Please note that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services still recommends the use of face coverings in school buildings; however, this recommendation is not a requirement. The Huron School District is NOT requiring students to be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, and the state has lifted all antigen testing requirements at this time.

Thankfully, the amount of new cases and the positivity rate in the state and our region have dropped significantly. The Huron School District will continue to monitor the local and regional health situation moving forward. It is important to remember that we are still over nine weeks from the start of the 2021-2022 school year, and a change in required mitigation practices, including wearing masks, could happen at any time through a state order or a local county health order. If it is determined that we would need to return to a face covering mandate, that notification will be made at that time.

The safety of our students and staff continues to be our top priority. We are excited and thankful that we are beginning to see a return to normal activities in our region, and we will continue to do our part to keep all of our staff, students, and community members as safe as possible. This includes the continued encouragement of proper hand washing, social distancing as much as possible, and the practice of staying home if a person is showing symptoms.

I appreciate your patience, and I am thankful for all of our community support that we have experienced. Thank you for making Huron a great place to be. I am looking forward to seeing all of the students in the fall. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Donovan Rowe  
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