



# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

## October 2018

### Whole Child Approach!

Hillside School District 93 subscribes to the Whole Child Approach. This is not a program, but rather pieces of a puzzle to be connected. It is important that we transition from a focus on narrowly defined academic achievement to one that promotes the long-term development and success of all children

THE WHOLE CHILD FRAMEWORK IS BUILT UPON THESE FIVE TENETS:

1. Each student enters school **HEALTHY** and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle.
2. Each student learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally **SAFE** for students and adults.
3. Each student is actively **ENGAGED** in learning and is connected to the school and broader community.
4. Each student has access to personalized learning and is **SUPPORTED** by qualified, caring adults.
5. Each student is **CHALLENGED** academically and prepared for success in college or further study and for employment and participation in a global environment



Throughout this year, the Hillside School District 93 staff will be examining these tenets and assessing our strengths, as well as our opportunities for growth. Your input is crucial to the success of our students. I would ask that you continue to provide us with your feedback on how we are doing by participating in the upcoming 5Essentials Survey starting on November 15 and by sending us your feedback via email or phone. Together we can make a **DIFFERENCE!**

### Did you Know?

As stated in the September message, students who were enrolled in the school for at least 10 school days at any time during the school year, and who missed 10% of the school days will be counted as a Chronic Absent student. During the first two months of school, Mrs. Gainer and the staff has challenged each grade level to attendance competitions to obtain the highest attendance rate. Students with the highest grade level attendance rate were given a Dress Down Pass! In addition, good news notes have been sent home for students with excellent attendance rates.

We still need your help in encouraging great attendance to school, as well as arriving on time. We fully understand that from time to time students get sick and due to the changing of the seasons and they will become susceptible to colds and infections. When is Too Sick for School? Please click on the link to learn when it is safe to send your child to school.

[Too Sick For School? Handout](#)

### Home to School Connections!

#### Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC)

The first BPAC meeting for 2018-2019 is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17 from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. and child care will be provided. The meeting will be held in the Board Room and parents/guardians can enter the school at Door #1.

#### What Really Happens at School?

Do you want to see what is going on during the school day? Please sign up for a twitter account and follow us on Twitter at **@HillsideD93** to see the latest happenings going on at Hillside School!

[How to Sign-Up to Twitter!](#)

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#### Upcoming Events:

Please click [HERE](#) to view the school calendar and view all upcoming events

Yours in Education

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