

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

## DECEMBER 2018

### Winter Break and Upcoming Events

We are fast approaching the winter break and I would like to thank all of the parents/guardians for their extra effort in supporting Hillside School. I would like to wish the Hillside students and families Happy Holidays! Our Winter Break starts on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 4, 2019. Students will return to school on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Parent Survey- 5Essentials

This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. We guarantee that survey responses will *never* be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole. These research-based reports will be sent to schools and districts in May and will also be included in the State School Report Card, released statewide in the fall.

Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> to take the parent survey.

### Annual Review Meeting for the Hillside School District Strategic Plan 2016-2021

The Hillside School District 93 Strategic Plan is reviewed on an annual basis to determine the progress being made in each of the focus areas. This plan is the foundation for our initiatives and action plan for the next five years. The plan encompasses five (5) Focus Areas: Finance, Facilities, Instruction and Programming, Community Engagement, and Human Resource. Each of these focus areas are outlined by goals and action items.

In addition, we have created a new Strategic Dashboard and you can view it by clicking on the link [HERE](#). As a user of the dashboard, you have access to student achievement, financial, and other data that are important to you as a community member. The District Dashboard provides a quick glance at key indicators to monitor our success in working with students and school district operations. Our Dashboard is one of many tools used by the district to provide transparent communication to all stakeholders.

Finally, we will hold our annual update meeting on **Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** At this annual update meeting, the Administrative Team and Board of Education will lead participants in small group discussions on the progress on the five focus areas of the strategic plan.

If you are interested in joining the Strategic Planning Committee, please contact Ana Maria Velasquez at 708-449-6490 x7104.

### Safety Reminders

For your and our students' safety, I would like to remind of you of our drop-off and pick-up procedures for our students.

- For the safety of the students, do not drop off students in the middle of Elm Street or Harrison Street. Please use the designated drop-off lane located on Elm Street.
- Between the hours of **8:05 a. m. – 8:40 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.** the Main Parking Lot is **CLOSED** due to bus arrival/departure. For the safety of students, please do not enter the parking lot during these time periods.
- Parents/Guardians dropping off Band and Choral students after 8:05 a.m., must use the drop-off lane located on Elm Street.
- Do not double park on Elm and/or Darmstadt street

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- If you are accessing the rear parking lot for student pick-up, please enter the parking lot by going east on Darmstadt- Right turn only into the parking lot

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It is easy to stay connected with Hillside School and see all of the great things going on! If you have a twitter account, you can follow us at @HillsideD93. Please click on the link to learn how to sign up for a Twitter account <https://goo.gl/BTY1MW>

We appreciate your assistance as we continue to refine our procedures for the safety of all students!

Yours in education,

Dr. Kevin Suchinski  
Superintendent