

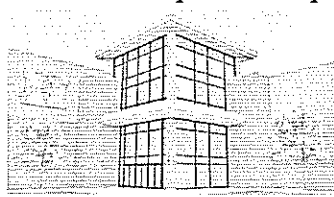
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HPTS Parents,

Following months of planning and anticipation, we are days away from the start of a new school year. This has not been our typical year of back-to-school preparation. I am pleased that we are able to offer students a face-to-face option, as well as remote learning. We have been working hard to organize balanced class lists to best fit student interest and safety. This process has been time consuming and challenging. I would like to share my appreciation for the tireless efforts of our office staff, support staff, counselors, teachers and administrators as they have worked very hard to prepare. I would also like to thank parents and guardians for their patience throughout this time.

This school year we face new challenges and will need to work together to keep our students, staff, and community healthy. We have worked diligently to put health and safety protocols in place. Students should practice wearing face coverings. Please talk to them about what it means to be six-feet apart and why that is important. In addition, if you are traveling at any time, please carefully consider whether your family should take time to self-quarantine before sending your children to school.

We will be posting COVID-19 related information on our webpage. The tab is titled "Back to School 2020" and can be found on the main page at www.hpts.us. We will need to work as a community, throughout the entire school year, to keep our buildings open and safe for all. We are grateful for your support and we look forward to the upcoming year.

Sincerely,



Doreen Kramer

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