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Dear Members of the Hewlett-Woodmere Community,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the first week of school. I think we can all agree that the weather has made it feel more like July than September!

This past week has been chock full of activity throughout the District. We have welcomed back all of our students to our five schools, and despite the intense heat, they all looked incredibly happy to kick off the 2023-2024 school year.

You will see many new faces this year in your visits to our buildings, as 46 new staff members joined the Hewlett-Woodmere family. Please join us in welcoming them to the District.

Our three elementary schools hosted their Back to School Nights over the past few days with record attendance. Woodmere Middle School and Hewlett High School will welcome parents and guardians on September 14 and September 28, respectively.

As you might imagine, the beginning of a new school year is both exciting and challenging, and some mishaps are inevitable. If you have any concerns, the very best way to resolve them is to follow the guidance listed on the "Whom Do I Call" document on page 36 of the District calendar (click [HERE](#) to access the printed calendar). Following the outlined communication channels will ensure that your concern is directed to the correct staff member in the timeliest manner.

Our District calendar is also a great resource for all of our upcoming events and activities. Please join us as often as your schedule allows. Of particular note is the change in the times of our Board of Education meetings. Our Work Meetings will now begin at 7:00 PM and our Regular Meetings will start at 7:30 PM. We will be hosting the Regular Meetings at our schools from October - February, so please refer to the 2023-2024 meetings list [HERE](#).

The District will continue the celebration of our 125th anniversary through December with special events and a monthly recognition day, where students and staff will be invited to wear their commemorative 125th anniversary t-shirts!

Our budget planning process for the 2024-2025 school year starts on October 11 at 6:30 PM at the Woodmere Education Center. All are welcome to join us to participate in these important discussions throughout the year.

Once again, I will be hosting Superintendent Roundtables at different locations throughout the community. These informal discussions are open to all and are a great opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, or just stop by to say hello.

I have no doubt that the 2023-2024 school year will be filled with exceptional learning, fantastic music and art performances, exciting athletic events, and warm community gatherings. I encourage you to visit our District website (www.hewlett-woodmere.net), your school websites, and the District Facebook (HWPS14) and Instagram (@14HWPS) pages for the latest news and information about District happenings. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming weekend. Wishing you and your family a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!

Warm regards,

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