



# Haslett Public Schools

February 5, 2021

## High School/Middle School Reopening February 8

### Mask Alternative

We anticipate questions about why some students in our buildings do not wear face masks. A small number of students within Haslett Public Schools are not medically able to tolerate wearing a mask, and are therefore, medically exempt. Those students will be provided a face shield in lieu of a mask, and staff and parents will continue to work with them to practice good hygiene and appropriate mitigation measures.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. James Polasek, Director of Special Education, at polasejr@haslett.k12.mi.us or (517) 582.2147.

### Transportation Schedules

Beginning February 8, transportation will be provided to secondary students returning to school who live within the district-approved riding areas. [Click here for Cohort Transportation Schedules.](#)

### HHS Athletics Resume

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced on Thursday, February 4 the lifting of the pause on high school winter sports beginning Monday, February 8, 2021.

The MDHHS directive requires all athletes, coaches, and supervisors to consistently wear masks during practices and competitions and practice social distancing of not less than six (6) feet. All athletes are also required to participate in a strict testing program. Details of this requirement will be released on February 7.

Schools may begin to schedule competitions on February 8, where each athlete is allowed to have two spectators.

Mid-Winter Break - February 12 - February 15, 2021



If you are having trouble connecting your HPS-issued Chromebook to your wireless network or need help logging in, contact HPS Tech Help:

**Email (preferred method for quickest response):**  
support@haslett.k12.mi.us

**Or Phone:** 517.339.7400, option 1 (please allow up to two business days for a response)

### Elementary Students Return

This past week, over 50% of our students in grades K-5 attended in-person instruction four (4) half-days. Reports from teachers and administrators indicated the students had smiles on their masked faces and easily adapted to social distancing guidelines and followed the established protocols. Even though these students had not been in classrooms for over ten months, their muscle memories took over and their resiliency prevailed.

### Secondary Students Return

Beginning Monday, February 8, our students in grades 6-12 will attend in-person instruction two half-days each week. Similarly, over 50% of these students have chosen to return to school to learn, see their friends, and meet their teachers.

Many changes have occurred inside our buildings since March of 2020. Haslett Middle School and Haslett High School have had a make-over with new furniture, flooring, lighting, window coverings, and technology equipment. Our secondary Principals have made arrangements for students to tour the buildings in small groups and have familiarized students with COVID-19 protocols and procedures through cohort meetings.

### Safety Procedures/Protocols

Students have been placed in cohorts (BLUE, GOLD, and VIKING) to accommodate the social distancing requirements. Additionally, all staff members will be required to wear masks throughout the school day, as will ALL students. In addition to wearing masks in the classroom, staff and students will be required to wear masks in common areas such as buses, hallways, and shared spaces. There are also expectations for staff and students to frequently wash their hands, and hand sanitizer has been provided for use.

### Positive Cases

Now that our students are back in school for “in-person” instruction, there is the possibility a positive case of COVID-19 will occur. If this were to happen, students and staff who have been in close contact with the individual who has COVID-19 may need to quarantine.

If a positive case occurs, it may be necessary to close a classroom, or even a school building, for a period of time. Students who have been attending school will need to temporarily return to a virtual learning experience. All closure decisions will be determined in consultation and collaboration with the Ingham County Health Department, and parents will be notified.

### MIOSHA Requirements

We want to assure our school community we have followed all of the requirements outlined by MIOSHA, including a process for telework, a face-covering mandate, training for employees on COVID-19 guidelines and policies, as well as health screening. There are cleaning procedures, gathering limitations, and social distancing recommendations in place. Any questions regarding program procedures and protocols may be addressed to Superintendent Steven Cook, the District COVID-19 Coordinator.



Building Staff Welcomes Student at Wilkshire ECC



Safety Protocols Observed at Wilkshire ECC