



Haslett Public Schools

February 11, 2021

Secondary Students Return High School Athletics Resume

Grants Awarded

Foundation for Haslett Schools

The Foundation for Haslett Schools awarded two building grants this school year. **The Mindful Practices Program Grant** in the amount of \$3,800 will benefit approximately 767 elementary students by empowering educators and staff with social emotional learning strategies and tools. With the additional funding provided by the **Foundation for Haslett Schools**, this program will be available to all students in grades 2-5 at both Ralya and Murphy Elementary Schools.

The Foundation for Haslett Schools also awarded the **Explore Learning Gizmo Grant** in the amount of \$1,750. This grant has provided approximately 300 students with individual access to Explore Learning Gizmo, which provides students an opportunity to investigate concepts through inquiry learning. This program is currently utilized within Haslett High School's Science Department and is being piloted during the 2020-21 school year.

100 Women for Haslett

The 100 Women for Haslett is based on a simple idea: 100 women donating \$100 each, raising \$10,000 for schools. The **100 Women for Haslett** funds support an annual scholarship for a graduating female student and accompanying teacher grant, as well as additional grants for projects within the district that support a **Culture of Caring**.

Donations are accepted at the Foundation's new website: <https://www.foundationforhaslettschools.org>.



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)

In-Person Learning and Athletic Competitions

We remember March 13 as the day Haslett Public Schools closed their doors for "in-person" instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last week, on February 1, we were able to open those doors for the first time to our students in grades K-5 for "in-person" instruction. On Monday of this week, eleven months later, we opened the doors and received our students in grades 6-12 for "in-person" learning. They arrived talking to their friends with smiles on their faces.

In addition to seeing students in our schools learning, we also saw parents and friends in our gymnasiums watching their sons and daughters play basketball, on the mats competing in wrestling matches, and performing routines in gymnastics. Our students were also in the Natatorium participating in swimming competitions as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services lifted the pause on high school winter sports on Monday, February 8.

District Equity Plan

Each summer, prior to the opening of school, Haslett Administrators with support from the Board of Education, develop short and long-term goals for the District. In August 2019, Haslett Schools established a long-term District Administrative Goal focused on providing training for staff in the areas of implicit bias, social justice, and equitable practices.

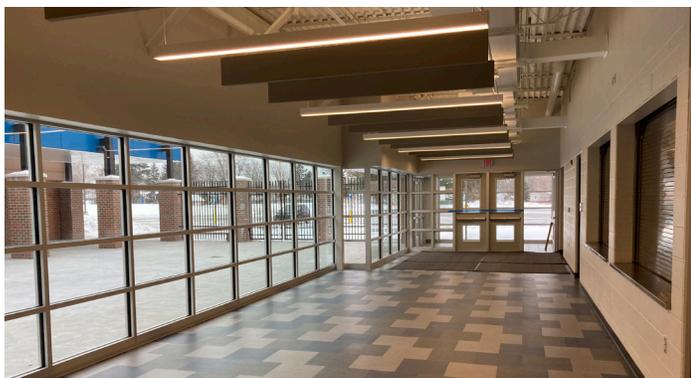
A newly formed community group, **Haslett's Voice for Change**, consisting of Haslett Alumni, Haslett High School students, staff, and members of the community met with District staff to provide input, guidance, and stories to formulate the goal and develop objectives. The District also sought the support of Dr. Terry Flenbaugh, Associate Professor of Urban Education Initiatives at Michigan State University, to facilitate activities to meet this equity goal.

This school year, Dr. Flenbaugh has been providing antibias workshops for the staff at each of our school buildings. In the spring, he will assist the District to develop and rollout an Equity Plan to build a community where respect and fairness are at the forefront of working as a team.

School Community Survey

In order to achieve our goal, it is vital we solicit feedback to identify the strengths, priorities, and values as they relate to equity that are important to our greater school community. A survey will be sent to parents, teachers, school staff, members of the Board of Education, and high school students no later than **March 1, 2021**. In addition to answering a series of questions, the survey will also ask for contact information and a statement from any community member interested in participating on our Haslett Equity Planning Committee.

With Dr. Flenbaugh's assistance, survey results will be synthesized, and an Equity Plan will be finalized. A District Planning Committee will develop an Action Plan to be implemented during the 2021-22 school year.



New Concessions and Entrance for Renovated High School Gymnasium



Renovated Gymnasium at Haslett High School