

Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2

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Dear Herscher CUSD No.2 School Community,

I am writing this letter to inform you of a couple of issues affecting our school district. First, like many school districts across the State and Country, our school district is experiencing a severe shortage of bus drivers. I am directly appealing to you to encourage anyone that you know to contact Michelle Armstrong, Transportation Director at (815-421-5018) for further information regarding obtaining a license to drive a bus for our schools.

As a direct result of the bus driver shortage, we may be forced to implement "staggered start/end times" at our various schools in the District. We are hopeful that we can avoid "staggered start/end times" but I wanted to make everyone aware this schedule is a possibility. If the District does need to implement new start/end times for classes, we would attempt to notify our school community at least 3-4 days before implementation and the schedule would be the following for each of our schools:

- **Bonfield Grade School - 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**
- **Limestone Middle School - 9:00 - 3:30 pm**
- **Herscher Intermediate School - 7:45 am - 2:15 pm**
- **Herscher High School - 7:45 am - 2:15 pm**

Secondly, our school district has begun to experience an increase in COVID-19 cases. As a result, last week in consultation with the Kankakee County Health Department, an entire Kindergarten class was quarantined as well as students at HIS, LMS and HHS. The District will continue to up-date our website on a weekly basis regarding our COVID-19 cases in the District (www.hcusd2.org)

Please do not send your child to school if they are sick or exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Abnormal Tiredness
- Abnormal Aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis
- Constant Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- A rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes

Thank you for your assistance in helping the District strive for the safest environment possible for our students. If should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great rest of the week and go Tigers!

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent

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