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Haslett Public Schools

Haslett Happenings Around the District

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Welcome Back to School

School Breakfast and Lunch Program

Michigan's 1.4 million public school children will be receiving free meals at school this year as a result of a \$160 million appropriation in the state's School Aid budget adopted by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

The Michigan School Meals program was signed into law in the Fiscal Year 2024 Michigan State School Aid Budget. The funding allows for all public school students, grades K-12, to eat breakfast and lunch for free.

This school year, Haslett Public Schools will be participating in this program and will be providing free breakfast and lunch meals to our K-12 students. Families will still need to fill out a [Free/Reduced Lunch Form](#) online, or a paper copy can be filled out at any of the school buildings. Please follow the instructions listed on the application to help you fill out the form. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in the Haslett School District. The application must be filled out completely and all questions must be answered. Filling out the form will help the district determine eligibility for other school-wide programs.

School Calendar 2023-2024



- August 23:** 1st Day of School (half day-all grades)
- August 24:** Half Day (all grades)
- August 25:** First Full Day of Classes (all grades)
- September 1-4:** Labor Day Break (NO SCHOOL)
- September 25:** PD (NO SCHOOL)
- October 6-9:** Autumn Break (NO SCHOOL)
- November 22-24:** Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)
- Dec. 22-Jan. 5:** Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
- January 15:** MLK Day (NO SCHOOL)
- January 17-19:** HS Exams (half days-HS Only)
- Feb. 16-19:** Mid-Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
- March 22-April 1:** Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
- May 27:** Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
- June 2:** HS Graduation (MSU Breslin-1 PM)
- June 4-6:** HS Exams (half days-HS Only)
- June 6:** Last Day for ALL Students (Partial Day)

Board of Education

Trustee Monica Del Castillo Resigns

Board Trustee Monica Del Castillo has resigned her position on the Haslett Board of Education, effective September 3, 2023. This announcement was made at the Board of Education Work Session on August 14, 2023.



At the meeting, Ms. Del Castillo made a [Farewell Statement to the Community](#). She was originally appointed to the Board of Education in July of 2021, and then won re-election in the general election in November of 2022. Ms. Del Castillo's term was due to expire at the end of December 2024.

The Haslett Board of Education will discuss the timeline and process for appointing Ms. Del Castillo's replacement at their August 28, 2023, regular meeting. We wish Ms. Del Castillo the best in her future endeavors.

Upcoming Open Houses

August 21

- Murphy/Ralya Open Houses (5-6 PM)
- Wilkshire Grade 1 Open House (4:30-5:30 PM)

August 22

- Middle School Open House (5-6:30 PM)

September 7

- High School Open House (5-7 PM)

Welcome Additional New Teaching Staff Grade 1 Teacher and Social Worker



Holly Hatch has been hired as a 1st Grade Teacher at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center. She has a BS in Family and Community Services with an Early Childhood Emphasis from Michigan State University and an Elementary Education

Certification from Spring Arbor University. Holly recently served as a long-term Kindergarten Teacher Substitute at Wilkshire ECC.



Laura Thompson will serve as our School Social Worker at Haslett Middle School. She has a BA in Sociology and Psychology from Albion College and an MA in School Social Work from Michigan State University. Laura was previously

employed as a Behavior Technician at the Early Learning Institute in East Lansing.