

# THE BELL RINGER

## GAVEL-TO-GAVEL MEETING UPDATES

### SCIENCE RESOURCE ADOPTION

New science resources are set to enhance K-6 classrooms this year. The board approved the adoption of the Indiana Inspire Science curricular resources. Assistant Superintendent of Foundational Learning, Danielle Feters-Thompson, informed board members that this resource provides hands-on investigations, allowing students to conduct labs, ask questions, think critically, and create solutions. It follows the 5E instructional model, enabling students to engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate. Both teachers and parents on the adoption committee supported the resource, appreciating its flexibility in meeting the diverse needs of all students.

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Student Handbook for the 2024-25 school year was a significant topic of discussion among board members during Wednesday's meeting. Assistant Superintendent of Foundational Learning, Danielle Feters-Thompson, noted that only minimal changes had been made to the handbook. To review the handbook modifications, [click here](#).

Some board members raised questions about the athletic appeals process, but the handbook was approved by a 4-3 vote. Board Secretary Suzanne Thomas, Board Member Sarah Donsbach, and Board Member Sarah Parks-Reese voted against the approval.

### GRADUATION DATE CHANGE

With the opening of the new Fishers Event Center, changes in the venue and dates for graduation will take effect starting with the class of 2025.

Moving away from the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the corporation will now utilize two separate days for high school graduations, allowing each school to have its own evening ceremony. According to Deputy Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley, the decision to hold graduation on two separate evenings during the week aims to reduce traffic and parking congestion at the event center. But more importantly, it will enable student-athletes to participate. For several years, a separate graduation ceremony has been held for those involved in spring sporting events. Both high schools had graduates taking part in state competitions this year in boys and girls track & field, unified track, lacrosse, and tennis.

Commencement for the class of 2025 will be on June 4 for Fishers High School and June 5 for Hamilton Southeastern High School. Both ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. at the Fishers Event Center. [Click here](#) to see the changes reflected on the district calendar.

### INDY PREMIER

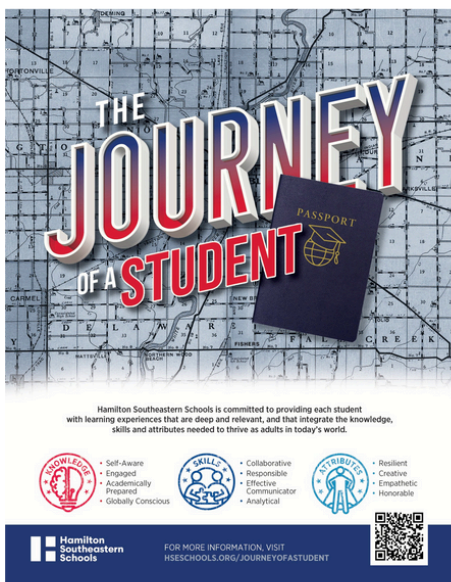
A new agreement has been reached with Indy Premier Soccer Club (IPSC) for the 2024-25 school year. The corporation and IPSC have been in similar agreements since 2014 for soccer field usage. The board unanimously approved the one-year (cont.)

contract extension in the amount of \$17,908 which includes a 3% increase.

## JOURNEY OF A STUDENT

Following a year-long process involving hundreds of HSE Schools' students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members, Director of PK-12 Initiatives Steve Loser unveiled the imaging of the newly created *Journey of a Student* (formerly known as Portrait of a Graduate). Developing this image is just one step in the ongoing effort to reimagine classroom learning and student experiences. In addition to the visual element, participants in the Master Planning process helped outline the knowledge, skills, and attributes every HSE student should master by graduation. Loser explained that the upcoming school year will be spent focusing on defining these elements, identifying evidence of student mastery, and articulating their development by grade level.

Loser says completing the Master Planning process fulfills the corporation's obligation to the 3E grant that funded the initial work. The corporation has chosen not to utilize the Ford NGL network services going forward, but will leverage its membership benefits with CIESC and a Career Coaching grant for professional development through Ford NGL. Loser adds, "We are still in the planning mode, with implementation slated for the 2025-26 school year." [Click here](#) for more information.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH CONTRACT

Board members voted to extend the current services agreement with Community Health Network (CHN) for an additional year. Community Health has been a partner of the corporation for several years, and currently provides school-based healthcare (nursing staff) and employee healthcare (clinic), behavioral health services and athletic trainers at both the high schools and junior high schools. According to attorney Chris Greisl, representing HSE, the corporation has just concluded its three-year contract with CHN. The one-year extension does not change the current offerings but will allow time for further review.

### By the Numbers:

- 29 FT and PT School Nurses, Two Perm School Nurses, Five Substitute School Nurses
- 22 licensed Mental Health Therapists and two Life Skills Clinicians.
- Six Athletic Trainers

## STUDENT MEAL PRICES

Some good news for students and families was shared on Wednesday from Food Services. There will be no price increase for student meals. The current pricing remains the same for 2024-25.

- Breakfast Meal \$1.50
  - Reduced Breakfast Meal \$.30
- Student Lunch (K-6) Meal \$2.80
- Student Lunch (7-12) Meal \$3.00
  - Reduced Lunch Meal \$.40

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pat Mapes shared his excitement about the return of Before the Bell, presented by Meijer. This exciting and free back-to-school event will be held on Thursday, August 1 at the Fishers Nickel Plate AMP, located at 6 Municipal Drive. The event is open to all HSE students and families, from preschool to grade 12.

All 22 schools, along with several (cont.)

different departments, will have informational booths where you can discover what's in store for the 2024-25 school year and find out how to get involved.

In addition, there will be games, inflatables, hands-on activities, face painting, Touch-a-Bus, a full stage line-up of student performances and giveaways from our community partners.

The event takes place from 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m., rain or shine. Food trucks and vendors will be on-site offering delicious treats, so be sure to grab a bite while you explore all the school-related fun! This event would not be possible without the support of the Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation and Fishers Parks & Recreation.



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# BEFORE the BELL

2024

SAVE THE  
Date!



PRESENTED BY MEIJER

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION



**AUGUST 1, 2024**  
**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**NICKEL PLATE AMP**  
**FREE ACTIVITIES**  
**FAMILIES WELCOME**  
**STUDENT**  
**PERFORMANCES**

**Help us "RING" in the New school year!**

FOOD TRUCKS | INFLATABLES | GIVEAWAYS | HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES | SCHOOL INFO BOOTHS  
TOUCH-A-BUS | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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