August 19, 2026

Dear Haldane Families:

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus on Tuesday, September 1. As you prepare, please review the following information:

School Breakfast and Lunch Program
In accordance with New York State's universal school meals program, Haldane will continue to offer breakfast and lunch at no cost. Monthly menus will be posted on the Haldane website.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and extra milk, and are encouraged to pay through MySchoolBucks. To create a MySchoolBucks account and preload funds, visit Haldane's Cafeteria page. Please note that MySchoolBucks has increased their program fee to $3.75. E-check payments will continue to be supported at a discounted rate. If you prefer to pay via check, please make it payable to "Haldane Cafeteria Fund" and submit it to your child's teacher (elementary) or the lunch cashier (middle/high). One check may be remitted per family. Please record your child(ren)'s name(s) and amount per child on the memo line of the check. If your child's account held a balance last year, that balance will be available this school year.

Each student is assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to enter into the keypad when an item is purchased. Student purchases will be restricted to cash unless parental permission is granted to allow the use of the prepaid account. As account balances reach $5.00, students/parents will be notified.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Norton at 845-265-9254 ext. 131.

Free and Reduced Benefits
If you participated in the free and reduced program in the past, or believe you may be eligible for support in areas such as free/reduced exam fees, trip costs, and/or college application fees, we encourage you to complete the form here. ***This information is held confidentially.***

If your family is in need of nutrition support, SNAP may be able to help. SNAP provides monthly benefits to buy food at grocery stores and farmers' markets so that kids get the nutrition they need. To see if your family may be eligible, visit snaphelpny.org or text SNAPNY to 844-366-3435 and answer just a few questions. In less than 5 minutes you will learn if you may be eligible and how to apply for SNAP.

Release of Directory Information
In accordance with Haldane Central School District policy, certain categories of student information are designated as "directory information." If you object to the release of any or all directory information related to your child(ren), please submit this form by Friday, August 28. Please complete a separate form for each child.

Directory information allows Haldane to utilize student information in district publications. ***Opting out may impact a student's appearance in yearbooks, honor roll lists, graduation programs, playbills, sports programs, and other similar publications.***

Sincerely,
Gail Duffy, EdD
Superintendent of Schools