May 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Hastings Area School System, we hope your family is staying safe and healthy during this time. The purpose of this letter is to communicate some Kindergarten registration, placement, and screening information to our incoming families.

Usually, we start to screen incoming Kindergarten students in the spring to assist with the appropriate placement, whether it is Kindergarten, or Young Kindergarten. We also start to look at building-level placements to build class lists and register students that may be entering Hastings Area School System.

Due to the COVID-19, Hastings Area School System will be delaying overall screening until August 2020. We will then be scheduling times for students to come in and be screened with current Kindergarten teachers. Furthermore, we are working with the Health Department to schedule appointments for students that need hearing and vision screenings. We will provide further information on this in future communications.

Once all the students have been screened, we will announce class lists and building-level assignments.

During this time, we encourage you to continue to work on Kindergarten readiness skills daily. Please practice the following readiness activities on a regular basis: reading to them, writing their name, coloring, exploring puzzles, counting, playing games, and imaginative play. We are excited and look forward to a very exciting time in your child’s life.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Kindergarten registration, placement, or screening at matt.goebel@hassk12.org, or 269.945.6137.

Sincerely,

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