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Greetings Harper Woods Pioneer Community!

I am Alethea Wells, Ph.D., yours in servant-leadership for the 2021-2022 academic school year. I pray this communication finds you and your loved ones in good health. As a single mother of a college student, the past year has challenged the way in which we live, love, and laugh. I've had to say good-bye to friends & loved ones who transitioned from earth to angels in what seemed like overnight. It is by grace alone we enter this new school year with eternal optimism for the future of our students and we hope this generation values time; literally every breath is a blessing.

I have served as an educator for over 26 years as a HS Mathematics/Science Teacher, a Building Administrator, and AFT Union Representative in Melvindale NAP, Detroit Public Schools, Pontiac, and Troy. I hold a Ph.D. & M.Ed. in PreK – 12 Educational Leadership/Administration from Michigan State University and a BS in Theoretical Physics from Jackson State University. I obtained my professional teaching certification credentials through the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Make no mistake, I do not enter this partnership lightly. We've got a long and tedious journey ahead of us. Pre-existing societal ills were highlighted during the pandemic and COVID-19 and its variants continue to threaten our path forward. It will take ALL of us....

I'm in!

Dr. Wells

Dr. Wells, Principal

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Back- To- School in “The Woods!” Orientation Directives [Masks Required]

As we prepare for another unprecedented experience towards “normal”, we are grateful you chose Harper Woods HS as your vehicle for success! On September 7, 2021, we will begin an exciting year of education and activities planned for this school year but protecting our Harper Woods Family from COVID-19 is **PRIORITY ONE** (see CDC Guidelines Attached).

Priority one continues to guide our decisions and we will need your cooperation if we want to return to in-person learning safely. Protocols are being established for vaccinated (proof required) and unvaccinated Pioneer family members and yes, we have developed internal protocols based on CDC guidance to stop the spread of the new Delta variant. Our goal is to *minimize outbreaks* and *maximize learning* and we CANNOT accomplish this without you. Below is the schedule for designated grade-level material distribution. Though we intend to be face-to-face, we must prepare to avoid all interruptions in learning. Once you receive your orientation materials, we will hold a face-to-face Q & A for parents and students who may still have concerns. A virtual recorded message will also be made available for your safety and convenience.

Please be sure to read all the materials carefully and use this packet as a resource throughout the school year. There will be a checklist and signature requirement for all packet/material distributed.

Included in the packet:

- ✚ COVID-19 Protocols (Contact Tracing - Vaccinated or Unvaccinated)
- ✚ Student Transcript (9th grade exemption)
- ✚ NWEA Testing Results (Math/Reading – 2021 HW District Students Only)
- ✚ Dress Code/Student Code of Conduct/ ISS (In school suspension/detention)
- ✚ Flyer - “A Band\$ for Christmas” PSAT/SAT Preparation Competition (10th/11th grade) Oct. 1st – Dec. 10th \$1000 Cash Prize 1st Place
- ✚ Next Level - Recommended Student Reading list
- ✚ School Calendar
- ✚ Student Schedule/locker assignment/Laptop (if needed)

Back-to School Packet/Materials Pick-up

Grade	Date	Time
9 th – 10 th	Tuesday August 24, 2021	5:30 P.M. – 7 P.M.
11 th – 12 th	Wednesday August 25, 2021	5:30 P.M. – 7 P.M.
All grades (Make-up)	Thursday August 26, 2021	10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
All grades Question & Answer	Thursday August 26, 2021	1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

A Virtual Message from your HWHS Administrative Team will be posted on Monday August 30, 2021, to ensure we are all on one accord for our “Return-to-Learning” Plan.

*****Any student who fails to pick up their packet must be accompanied by parents/guardians and plan to begin the first day of school in the auditorium to review the materials and register for school*****