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Dear Hazelwood School District Community,

In July, the district notified the community that all students will attend school 100% virtually through the first quarter. The decision was based on thorough research about COVID-19 infection rates in our area and guidance from the St. Louis County Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Shortly after that, the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) announced that school districts that were not offering in-person instruction could not participate in MSHSSA athletics and activities.

On Aug. 4, the MSHSAA Board of Directors waived the requirement for member schools to provide in-person instruction in order to participate in athletics and activities, which leaves the decision about whether to participate up to each individual school district. On Aug. 13, MSHSAA took action to allow for the scheduling of an alternate fall sports season that is scheduled to begin in the spring.

HSD will not participate in the traditional fall sports season. Other activities and clubs such as Student Council, DECA, and National Honor Society will be allowed to start virtually. Traditional winter sports, including Basketball and Wrestling, are scheduled to start on November 2, 2020. Girls Swimming and Diving are scheduled to start on November 9, 2020. If the district is back to in-person instruction prior to November 2, 2020, HSD will start winter sports on the aforementioned dates. HSD will also start Marching Band, Drumline, Robotics, Cheer and Dance on November 2, 2020, if the district is back to in-person instruction.

The district will consider participating in sports and other activities that traditionally take place in the fall within the timeframe that MSHSAA has set for the alternate fall season. The alternate fall season is scheduled from March 12 through May 1. Conditions in our area related to COVID-19 will guide the district's decision about whether to participate in any of the seasons.

HSD recognizes the valuable importance of athletics and activities, but our priority is the health of our students, staff, and community. Our objective is to bring our students back to our buildings for face-to-face learning and participation in athletics and other activities as soon as possible. HSD will share any updates as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart".

Superintendent