

Hicksville Public Schools
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Hicksville, NY 11801-4800

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2015-2016
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A Note from the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Members of Our School Family,

How lucky am I? For four decades, from Valley Stream to Wantagh to Sag Harbor, I have welcomed back to school students, families and faculty. There is no greater joy than to see the smiles on the faces of students as they enter school on the first day. We in Hicksville are excited about the possibilities and promise of the 2015-16 school year!



This year will once again be filled with the joy of learning in the classroom, on the stage, field and court, and in any number of community venues that will house school-based projects, activities and opportunities that touch upon the many interests and passions of the students we serve. From the youngest children attending our pre-K and early childhood programs to our oldest students engaged in coursework or any number of extracurricular performances or pursuits that prepare them for college and careers, we have many opportunities to satisfy an avid learner's desire to grow academically and personally.

As always, we welcome our parents and community members as partners in education and will make every effort to engage in open conversation and communication throughout the year. We invite all to utilize and review this calendar and to access our website to stay informed of school events and announcements, and to attend the many Board meetings, parent workshops and presentations held throughout the year.

Joining our very active and supportive PTAs, SEPTA, Booster Club or Band Parents, or participating in Adult Continuing Education, is another way to stay connected to our schools. We look forward to working with you to provide our community's children with what they need and deserve.

And so the excitement begins. Have a wonderful school year, and may our paths cross time and again as we embrace the challenges and excitement of the new year.

Sincerely,
Carl Bonuso, Ed.D.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Your Board of Education is composed of local residents, charged by state law to provide for district youngsters. They are elected by district residents to represent them in setting policies and hiring administrative staff to carry out these policies and objectives. Board members serve without pay for a three-year term. Throughout the year, they attend seminars and workshops offered for new officers and trustees by regional organizations. The Board of Education welcomes residents, staff members and other interested persons to its meetings. Decisions made by your elected school board affect the education of your children and the well-being of the Hicksville community. The Board encourages members of the community to attend all board meetings.

Meeting Format

The Board of Education holds committee meetings encompassing the areas of curriculum, facilities, finance and policy. These meetings are held in the Administration Building on a monthly basis during the school year at 7:00 p.m. Additional meetings may be scheduled during the summer months.

The Board of Education also meets on a monthly basis to conduct district business. Meetings are usually held in the board room of the Administration Building. The format for these meetings is as follows:

- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Executive Session**
- 8:30 p.m. Action Meeting**

The dates for all scheduled committee meetings, board meetings and budget meetings are indicated on page four of the calendar. Public notice will be given for any date not indicated on the calendar. Meeting notices are posted at all district schools, the Administration Building and the Hicksville Public Library.

Board of Education Members

- Phil Heckler, President
- Kevin J. Carroll, Vice President
- Brenda Judson, Secretary
- Steven Culhane, Trustee
- James Mott, Trustee
- Patrick Stines, Trustee
- Michael Beneventano, Trustee

Board of Education members can be contacted at 733-2106



2015-2016 BOE Trustees (front, from left) Secretary Brenda Judson, President Phil Heckler and Vice President Kevin J. Carroll (back, from left) Trustees Patrick Stines, Michael Beneventano, Steven Culhane and James Mott.

AUGUST 2015


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CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS:
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		1 First Day of School	2 • PTA Council @ OCR 8:00 P.M.	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED	8 • Elementary PTA Meetings • PSAT Registration @ HS Begins • MS Fall Sports Begin	9 • BOE Committee Mtg. @ Admin Bldg. 7:00 P.M. • Booster Club Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M.	10 • HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M.	11	12
13	14 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED	15 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED	16 • BOE Mtg. @ Admin Bldg. 8:30 P.M. • Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M.	17 • HS Back to School Night 7:00 P.M.	18 • Deadline to Register for PSAT • MS Dance 7:00-9:00 P.M. • PSAT Registration Deadline	19
20 • Elementary School Open House • Evening HS Begins • PTA Presidents Mtg. with Superintendent • MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">MAP Testing Gr. 3-8 Sept. 21-Oct. 2</div>	21	22	23 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED	24 • MS Back to School Night 7:00 P.M.	25	26
27	28 • HS Picture Days • Fall Adult Continuing Education Begins • SEPTA Mtg. @ High School 7:00 P.M.	29 • HS Picture Days • Curriculum Council Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M.	30 • MS Picture Day • After-School Staff Development			



Holidays & School Recesses

- Sept. 7..... Labor Day
- Sept. 14-15 Religious Holiday
- Sept. 23..... Religious Holiday
- Oct.12..... Columbus Day
- Nov. 3..... Election Day/Supt. Conf. Day
- Nov. 11..... Veterans Day
- Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 24-Jan 1..... Holiday Break
- Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 15-19 Winter Break
- Mar. 24-28* Spring Break
- Apr. 25-29 Spring Recess
- May 27-30*..... Memorial Day Break

*Please note that March 28 & May 27 are designated as snow contingency dates.

Budget & Election Dates

- BOCES Vote & Budget – April 19
- Voter Registration – May 3
- Annual Budget Hearing – May 4
- Budget Vote & Trustee Election – May 17

Important Board of Education Dates





<u>Regular Meetings</u>	<u>Committee Meetings</u>
Sept. 16	Sept. 9
Oct. 21	Oct. 7
Nov. 18	Nov. 4
Dec. 16	Dec. 9
Jan. 27	Jan. 13
Feb. 24	Feb. 10
Mar. 16	Mar. 9
April 19	April 6
May 17	May 4
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OCTOBER 2015

CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS:
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<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Council @ Woodland 8:00 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> MAP Testing Gr. K-2 Oct. 5-21 </div>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS College Fair 7:00 P.M. Shared Decision Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M. 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOE Committee Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 7:00 P.M. 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon Afternoon Parent Conferences PTSA Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheltering Drill (Schools will dismiss 15 minutes early) 	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary PTA Meetings HS Picture Make-Up Day 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After-School Staff Development Booster Club @ HS 7:30 P.M. PSAT Administration @ HS 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Picture Make-Up Days 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Picture Make-Up Days HS Spirit Day 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homecoming Fair 10:00 A.M. Homecoming Game 1:30 P.M. vs. Hempstead
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon Evening Parent Conferences 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOE Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M. Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. Deadline to Register for November SATs 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS English, Math, Science & Social Studies Honor Society Inductions 7:00 P.M. 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Dance 7:00-9:00 P.M. 	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supe's On 7:00 P.M. 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Council Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M. 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Halloween @ HS 4:00-6:00 P.M. (Elementary Students Only) 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon Afternoon Parent Conferences Tri-M Recital @ HS 7:00 P.M. 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



Attendance

The Board of Education recognizes that regular school attendance is a major component of academic success. Through implementation of a new attendance policy, the Board expects to reduce the current level of unexcused absences, encourage full attendance by all students, maintain an adequate attendance record-keeping system, identify patterns of student absence and develop effective intervention strategies to improve attendance. To ensure the success of this endeavor, students, parents, teachers and administrators will be made aware of the purpose, procedures and consequences of noncompliance for the policy. Copies will also be available to the community and will appear in district publications.

The policy addresses excused absences and unexcused absences and tardiness. Excused absences are defined as absences due to personal illness; illness or death in the family; impassable roads or weather; religious observance; quarantine; required court appearances; medical/dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day; approved college visits; military obligations; or such other reasons as may be approved. All other unapproved absences, tardiness or early departures are considered unexcused absences. All absences must be accounted for. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school office on the morning of the absence or tardiness and to provide a written excuse upon the student's return to school. After five consecutive absences, as per Board policy, it will be necessary to submit a physician's note.

Attendance will be taken during each class period at the secondary level and on a daily basis on the elementary level. At the conclusion of each class period or school day, all attendance information shall be compiled and provided to the appropriate individual(s) responsible for attendance. The nature of an absence (full day, class cut) shall be coded on a student's record. Student absence/class cut data will be available to be reviewed by attendance officers or other appropriate school personnel. The following individuals will be responsible for overseeing, monitoring attendance and initiating appropriate action: principal (elementary schools), assistant principal (middle and high school). Where additional information is received from a student during a student/staff conference that requires corrections to be made to a student's attendance records, such correction will be made immediately. Notice of such a change will be sent to appropriate school personnel (i.e., homeroom teachers, attendance officer, etc.).

Each school will maintain an attendance honor roll, which will be published quarterly, identifying those students with perfect and near-perfect attendance at the elementary level and perfect attendance at the secondary level.

Generally, disciplinary sanctions will be imposed progressively. This means a pupil's first unexcused absence, tardiness or early departure will usually merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations. In accordance with the district's Code of Conduct, the following range of disciplinary sanctions may be imposed to discourage unexcused pupil absences, tardiness and early departure: written or oral notification to parents, detention, suspension from recreation participation, suspension from athletic participation, suspension from social or extracurricular activities (i.e. proms, senior

celebrity night, etc.), suspension from other privileges (i.e. senior lunch privileges, senior parking, etc.) or in-school suspension.

The Board of Education recognizes an important relationship between class attendance and student performance. Consequently, each marking period a student's final grade will be based on classroom participation as well as the student's performance on homework, tests, papers, projects, etc. Students (K-12) are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Consistent with the importance of classroom participation, any absence from class which is not made up shall result in the loss of points from the student's class participation grade for the marking period. The manner in which the loss of points may be reflected will vary according to the school level. Any student who misses a class is expected upon his or her return to consult with his/her teachers regarding missed work. At the early elementary level, parents are expected to consult with the teacher regarding missed work. If the absence is excused, the student may earn his or her classroom participation grade by arranging an assignment with the teacher to cover the work missed.

In implementing this policy, students who are unable to attend a class on a given day/period due to their participation in a school-sponsored activity (i.e. music lessons, field trips, etc.) may arrange with their teachers to make up any work missed. This also applies to any student who is absent from school due to illness who either receives home instruction from the district or makes arrangements with the teacher to make up the work missed. Students will be given the opportunity to turn in a late assignment for inclusion in the calculation of the performance portion of their final grade. Make-up opportunities must be completed by a date specified by the student's teacher for the class or subject in question.

At the secondary level, any student with more than nine absences for one-half year or 18 absences for a full-year that are not made up will not receive credit for that course. To ensure that parents and students are aware of the implications of this minimum attendance requirement, the teacher and other appropriate school personnel will counsel the student and contact the parent by telephone and mail at appropriate intervals prior to the student reaching nine or 18 absences. Only students with excused absences will be given the opportunity to make up a test for the inclusion in the calculation of the performance portion of their final grade.

Emergency School Closings

In the event that inclement weather causes us to close schools for the day, families with current contact information on file will be notified through an automated calling system, and announcements will be called into the following radio and television stations:

If these announcements are not broadcast, or if you missed hearing the listings on the air, call the district's snow hotline at

WOR-AM (710)	WINS-AM (1010)	WNBC-TV (Ch 4)
WCBS-AM (880)	WHLI-AM (1100)	KJOY-FM (98.3)
WABC-TV (Ch 7)	News 12 L.I.	Channel 5 GDNY

516-733-2177 for recorded messages indicating whether school is open or closed. In addition, log on to the district's website at www.hicksvillepublicschools.org or www.news12.com for up-to-date school closing information. The determination to open school will be made based on information available regarding road conditions, visibility and other safety factors, but the final responsibility to send children to school on inclement days rests with the parents or guardians. The safety of our children traveling to and from school is a prime concern during winter months.

Sheltering/Early Dismissal Drill

The annual sheltering and early dismissal drill will be held on Oct. 9, 2015. Buses will leave the schools 15 minutes earlier than normal dismissal time. Please make any necessary arrangements for that day. This drill is a requirement of the New York State Education Department.

Visiting the Schools

The Board of Education adopted a policy and set procedures regarding visits during the school day other than those made by family members attending scheduled school functions or transporting their children to and from school.

Visits are authorized for parents conferring with staff members about a child's program, and former students obtaining necessary records or addressing classes at programs arranged by supervisors or administrators. In addition, persons transacting business or performing instructional duties, parent helpers assigned to assist teachers, chaperones for school activities, or Board of Elections workers on official business are also authorized.

All visitors must show photo ID and sign in at the main office upon arrival. If a prior appointment has not been arranged, approval of the principal is required and the visit must be limited to a specific location. Visitors are asked to leave the building promptly when their business is concluded.

In accordance with Board policy, signs are posted in all school buildings warning that unauthorized presence in schools or on school grounds will be subject to prosecution for loitering under section 240.35 of the Penal Law.

SCHOOL HOURS

Burns Avenue	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Dutch Lane	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fork Lane	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Old Country Road	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
East Street	9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Lee Avenue	9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Woodland	9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Middle School	7:25 a.m.-2:20 p.m.
High School	7:35 a.m.-2:25 p.m.

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CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS:
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1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to submit College Applications Due Jan. 1, 2016 • PTA Council @ MS 8:00 P.M. 	3 ELECTION DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED Superintendent's Conference Day for Staff	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOE Committee Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 7:00 P.M. 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Citizen Luncheon 2:00 P.M. 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of First Quarter Secondary Schools • MS Picture Retake Day 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT Reasoning Test/SAT Subject Tests 8:00 A.M.
8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Wrestling Begins 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary PTA Meetings 	11 VETERANS DAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS Spirit Night 7:00-9:00 P.M. 	14
15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Winter Sports Begin • MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon • Evening Parent Conferences 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOE Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M. • After-School Staff Development • Extended Day Program Begins Gr. 1-8 • Booster Club @ HS 7:30 P.M. • Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Fall Drama Production 7:00 P.M. • Deadline to Register for December SATs 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Fall Drama Production 7:00 P.M. 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Fall Drama Production 7:00 P.M.
22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nassau Region Presidents/ Principals Dinner • SEPTA Mtg. @ HS 7:00 P.M. 	24	25	26	27	28
				THANKSGIVING RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED		
29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Presidents Mtg. with Superintendent 					



Parent Teacher Association

Active involvement in PTA is one of the many ways parents can participate in their children’s education. Each school in the district has a PTA unit which belongs to the national organization founded in 1897, and is dedicated to the improvement of education, health, safety and protection of children. In addition, the Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is concerned with children who require special educational services in order to develop to their full potential. The Hicksville Council of PTAs is the coordinating body, with its own executive committee and representatives from individual units. Together they work toward the same goal shared by the district as a whole – excellence in educational opportunities for all Hicksville students.

PTA sponsors a wide variety of special activities for parents and students. At the annual Founders Day celebration, PTA honors individuals, including staff members and parents, who have made outstanding contributions to PTA’s goals and objectives.

The interest and involvement of parents in education is a vital part of the process, and PTA invites all parents and teachers to join and participate. Each PTA unit holds executive board meetings as noted on the calendar. If you would like information regarding meeting times and locations, please contact your unit president.

Student Records

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, parents of students under age 18, and students or graduates age 18 or older, may review, obtain copies (for a nominal fee), and challenge the accuracy or fairness of the student’s educational records. Board policy regarding specific procedures to obtain access to educational records can be found in the main office of each school and in the community services office at the Administration Building.

Complaints regarding the district’s failure to make records available, or to respond adequately to challenges about accuracy or fairness, should be forwarded to the Superintendent’s Office, 200 Division Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801-4800. Subsequent complaints may be filed in writing to: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office, Department of Education, 330 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20201.

Code of Conduct

The Hicksville Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive and Hicksville Public Schools personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other Hicksville School District personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The Code lists expectations of the district’s essential partners in this effort including parents, teachers, coaches/advisers, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, support staff, principals, administrators, superintendent and the Board of Education. A list of

these responsibilities is available on the district website or the main office of each school.

- Prohibited Student Conduct
- Reporting Violations
- Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals
- Student Dress Code
- Student Rights
- Student Responsibilities

Memorial Scholarship

Several years ago, the Hicksville High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) established a memorial scholarship fund. It is an ongoing fund, which can be used in honor of a special occasion or for memorial purposes. Contributions should be directed to the Hicksville High School Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Hicksville High School PTSA. Appropriate acknowledgments are sent to the person or family of the person in whose name a donation is made.

Dignity for All Students Act – Student Bullying Prevention Intervention Policy

The Board of Education of the Hicksville Union Free School District is committed to providing an educational environment that promotes respect, dignity and equality. The Board recognizes that students’ ability to learn and to meet high academic standards and a school’s ability to educate its students are compromised by incidents of bullying or harassment.

Therefore, it is the policy of the district to prohibit bullying, harassment or discrimination against any student by a student or students and/or employee or employees on school property or at a school function including, but not limited to, the discrimination based on a person’s actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. Acts of bullying or harassment are prohibited, whether they are committed directly or indirectly, in person (face-to-face), or remotely by use of electronic technology, either on school property, at a school function, on a school or coach bus or off school property where there is a sufficient nexus to the school environment.

In order for the Board to effectively enforce this policy and to take prompt corrective measures when the policy is violated, it is essential that all victims and persons with knowledge of bullying, harassment, or similar behavior report it immediately to district administrative staff.

A Dignity Act coordinator for each school has been trained in human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender and sex. The Dignity Act coordinators for each school are:

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| Burns Avenue | Michael Dunn | 516-733-2311 |
| Dutch Lane | Susan Strauss | 516-733-2361 |
| East Street | Jean-Marie Serra | 516-733-2321 |

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| Fork Lane | Chris Scardino | 516-733-2341 |
| Lee Avenue | Stephanie Stam | 516-733-2351 |
| Old Country Road | Anthony Lubrano | 516-733-2301 |
| Woodland | Mary Hance | 516-733-2331 |
| Middle School | Mara Jorisch | 516-733-2261 |
| High School | Raymond Williams | 516-733-2201 |

The districtwide Dignity Act coordinator is:
Rosemarie Coletti - 516-733-2125

Nondiscrimination

Hicksville Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of economic status, intellectual ability, race, national background, religion, disability, sex or age in any of its educational programs or activities, or in its employment practices. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Age Discrimination Act, prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, disability and age, respectively. This policy of nondiscrimination includes: recruitment and employment of employees, salaries, pay and other benefits, counseling services to students, student access to course offerings, educational programs, and other activities.

Inquiries concerning the application of this policy on nondiscrimination, or complaints of discrimination based upon any of the above-referenced categories, may be directed to the following individual designated to coordinate the district’s efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX, Section 504, ADA and the Age Discrimination Act.

Coordination of activities relating to compliance with Title IX, Section 504, ADA and the Age Discrimination Act is the responsibility of the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Hicksville Public Schools, 200 Division Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801-4800, 516-733-2125.

Vandalism

School property belongs to the citizens of Hicksville and we must all do our part to see that no purposeful damage is done. If vandalism or other deliberate damage occurs, full restitution will be required from the guilty parties, parents or guardians in accordance with the law.

Vandalism Hotline

To report acts of vandalism or unauthorized activity on school grounds, 4 p.m.-7 a.m. weekdays or 24 hours/day on weekends and/or holidays, call Security (mobile) at 516-297-1614 or call the Nassau County Police Department: 516-573-6200

All calls will remain confidential.
District personnel will contact the police when necessary.

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Community Use of School Facilities

The public schools are centers of community life, and not-for-profit, nonsectarian organizations may use the school facilities according to district regulations. Applications and inquiries should be directed to the Office of Facilities and Operations at the Administration Building by calling 516-733-2180. Although the Board of Education encourages community groups to use school facilities for civic, educational, cultural or recreational purposes, school-sponsored activities will take precedence in scheduling the use of schools or grounds.

Adult Continuing Education

Education is an experience and process that continues throughout one's life. The Board of Education and administrators of Hicksville Public Schools believe that the citizens of our community should have a broad range of opportunities for advancement and fulfillment. That belief is the basis of the Adult Continuing Education Program.

The program is designed to meet the needs and interests of Hicksville's adults. A flyer, which is mailed to residents on a biannual basis, lists an overview of course offerings, program dates and tuition fees. A full brochure with more details is available on the district website.

District residents who are 60 years of age and older will be entitled to free tuition in many courses offered. This policy covers only registration fees and does not cover any textbook, materials fees or processing fees. The Adult Continuing Education brochure indicates courses for which this discount does not apply.

Hicksville Gregory Museum

The Hicksville Gregory Museum provides educational and cultural displays and services in earth and environmental sciences, natural history and Long Island history. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Personalized group and school tours can be arranged by appointment. The Hicksville Gregory Museum is located on Heitz Place and Bay Avenue, and Hicksville residents receive free admission to the museum. The telephone number is 516-822-7505.

Voter Qualifications

Every eligible school district resident should exercise his or her right to participate in the democratic process, and to vote on the school budget and for Board of Education trustees. This is an important way for community residents to make their voices heard and play an active role in our public schools.

Hicksville residents who have lived in the district at least 30 days prior to the vote date, who are U.S. citizens and 18 years of age or older, and who are currently and properly registered, may vote. In-person registration is conducted before each regular and special election, and a voter remains registered by voting at least once in each four-year period and maintaining residence in the district. Residents currently registered for general elections and meeting the qualifications outlined above are also eligible to vote in school elections.

For additional information, contact the office of the district clerk between 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 200 Division Ave. in Hicksville or call 516-733-1500.

STAR Property Tax Exemptions

Residents of Hicksville Public Schools may be eligible to apply for the New York State STAR Property Tax Exemptions Program. If you are a homeowner with your Hicksville property as your primary residence, you may apply to the Nassau County Board of Assessors at 516-571-1500.

Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens

Hicksville Public Schools demonstrates its support of our senior community by adopting the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption, which provides partial property tax relief on a sliding-scale basis to residents meeting the required criteria.

Under the current provisions of the law, the maximum income permitted, including Social Security, for a senior citizen's real property exemption is \$37,400. Exemptions ranging from 50 percent to 5 percent are based on a sliding scale. For further information, contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment at 516-571-1500.

Applications for these exemptions must be made annually on or before Jan. 2 of each year to the Nassau County Department of Assessment, 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501.

Senior Citizen Privileges

Residents of Hicksville who are 60 years of age or older may be issued "Senior Citizen" passes by the Community Services Office for free admission to the first performance of all official student plays, productions and shows, and all sports events. Proper proof of age must be presented to obtain the nontransferable pass, which must be renewed every two years. District residents who are at least 60 years of age will be entitled to free tuition in many adult continuing education programs.

Each fall and spring, the district sponsors two luncheons for senior citizens.

For detailed information regarding any of these programs, call the Community Services Office at 516-733-2190.

Senior Citizen Clubs

The Hicksville Board of Education sponsors four senior citizen clubs for residents of Hicksville who are 60 years of age or older. Club meetings are scheduled as follows:

Levittown Hall

Hicksville Seniors

10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays

Director: Evelyn Murphy – 516-433-5276

Bethpage Community Center

Our Lady of Mercy Seniors

11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Mondays

Director: Joan Chwalisz – 516-938-4261

Mid-Island Seniors

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursdays

Director: Andrew Grieshaber – 516-680-6054

St. Ignatius Church

Hicksville Community Center-Senior Club of St. Ignatius

11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month

Information: St. Ignatius Rectory – 516-931-0056

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JANUARY 2016

CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS:
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10	11 • MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. • PTA Council @ Burns 8:00 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> MAP Testing Gr. 3-5 Jan. 11 - Jan. 22 </div>	12 • Elementary Concerts (Burns, East, Fork) • Elementary PTA Meetings • Extended Day Program Begins - Grade K	13 • BOE Committee Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 7:00 P.M. • Booster Club Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M.	14 • Elementary Concerts (Dutch, Lee, OCR, Woodland) • HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. • MS Grade 5 Orientation 7:00 P.M.	15	16
17	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED</p>	19 • AP Exam Registration • Shared Decision Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M. • MS Grade 5 Parent Orientation 7:00 P.M.	20 • After-School Staff Development • Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M.	21	22 • End of Second Quarter Secondary Schools	23
24	25 • SEPTA Mtg. @ HS 7:00 P.M. • National Honor Society Induction 7:30 P.M.	26	27 • BOE Mtg. @ Amin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M.	28	29	30
31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> MAP Testing Gr. K-2 Jan. 25 - Feb. 12 </div>					



Transportation

The district will provide transportation for students who live in the district and who attend public or nonpublic school according to policy set by the Board of Education:

- Grades K-5 living more than .5 mile from school
- Grades 6-8 living more than 1 mile from school
- Grades 9-12 living more than 1.25 miles from school

Transportation of children to private and parochial schools outside the district is provided up to a maximum of 15 miles and transportation for disabled children is mandated by state law up to 50 miles.

All requests for transportation of nondisabled children attending private and parochial schools outside the district but within the 15-mile limit must be made by April 1 preceding the next school year. Application forms and detailed information are available at the transportation office at 200 Division Ave. or by calling 516-733-2185. Bus passes will be mailed by the end of August to parents of eligible students. No bus stop changes will be made during the first two weeks of school.

The safety of our children is a prime concern in the task of transporting them as efficiently as possible. Parents are urged to help children be prompt and courteous at bus stops, and to respect their fellow passengers and neighborhood residents. The Board of Education also asks that parents understand the following rules of bus conduct and help children to observe them:

- No unauthorized persons are allowed to step onto a school bus.
- Be at the bus stop 10 minutes before time indicated on bus pass.
- Respect private property at and near the bus stop.
- Go directly to your seat and remain seated until the bus stops.
- Do not block aisles with books or other belongings.
- Obey the instructions of the bus driver and do not distract him or her.
- Keep arms, hands and head inside the bus windows.
- Avoid shouting, pushing and shoving.
- Obey the no smoking regulations.
- Do not touch any part of the bus after you get off.
- When crossing, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus as the driver holds traffic.
- Face traffic when walking to and from your bus stop.

Bus Information (before/after school hours)

Jaco Transportation	516-935-2277
Suburban Bus Transportation.....	516-781-5484
Levittown School District	516-434-7585

Registration Requirements Kindergarten

In order to be admitted to kindergarten in September, a child must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1 of the school year in which the child enters kindergarten. Registration for children who expect to enter kindergarten in September will be held in the preceding spring (see list of dates on calendar).

Parents of children eligible for kindergarten will be notified by mail of the registration procedures if their names appear on the census

rolls. If registration information has not been received by Feb. 15, please contact the registration office at 516-733-2168.

Transfer Students

All students new to the district or resident children transferring to the public schools may register at any time during the school year. Parents must contact the registration office in order to register their children for school. The office is located in the Administration Building at 200 Division Ave., and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (summer hours: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.).

All registrants for public school or Hicksville residents requesting transportation to private/parochial school must provide:

- **Proof of Residence** i.e. house deed, duly executed lease agreement, real estate closing statement, Nassau County tax bill, homeowner's insurance bill, electric bill, water bill, mortgage statement, notarized affidavit from the landlord, **and**
- **Proof of Birth** i.e. birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, satisfactory proof that none of the above exist, along with other documentation acceptable to the superintendent **and**
- **Proof of Parental Relationship** i.e. birth certificate indicating parents' name(s) along with parents' photo ID; baptismal certificate indicating parents' name(s) along with parents' photo ID; duly executed court documents indicating legal guardianship, along with legal guardian's photo ID; duly executed adoption documents along with adoptive parents' photo ID; duly executed court custody documents along with custodian's photo ID; notarized affidavit from nonresident custodial parent indicating permission to allow the child to reside with noncustodial parent/guardian who is a legal resident of the Hicksville Public Schools. Noncustodial parents must also complete an affidavit, along with a notarized affidavit from a nonresident custodial parent or legal guardian, indicating permission to allow the child to reside with the person in the custodial relationship who is a legal resident of the Hicksville Public School District. The person in the custodial relationship must also complete an affidavit and present both affidavits at the time of registration, a notarized affidavit of emancipation **and** proof of immunization.

Student Physicals

According to Education Law Section 903, every student in kindergarten, second, fourth, seventh, and 10th grades, and all new admissions to the district are required to submit a health certificate signed by a duly licensed physician authorized to practice medicine in New York State. The physical examination form will request a body mass index (BMI) and weight status category. All students in pre-K, K and first grade in public elementary school are requested to present a dental health certificate. Whenever possible, physical examinations should be conducted by your family physician. The physical cannot be more than 12 months old when presented to the district. If we do not receive the information from you or your family physician, your school nurse will contact you to remind you of the need to provide the physical form. Please be advised that the school nurse will send a final notification that will inform you that you must comply with this requirement or the district physician will perform the medical examination. You will be advised of the date and time of the medical examination, which may include the following: inspection of the eyes, ears, nose, mouth and throat.

By law, you have the right to object on the grounds of religious accommodation only.

Immunizations

All schools are obliged to enforce the requirements of New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164.

As of July 1, 2015, no child shall be admitted to school, or in the case of students entering from outside New York, be allowed to attend school, in excess of 14 days without satisfactory written evidence that the student has been immunized. Below is a summary of the changes to School Immunization Requirements for the 2015-16 School Year based on NYSDOH amended regulations:

- MMR (grades K-12)
2 doses of measles and mumps vaccines and 1 dose of rubella vaccine (MMR)
Required for school entry, range of 4 through 6 years of age for second dose no longer permitted
- DTaP (grades K-12, except 8-12 as noted below*)
5 doses of diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) required for entrance. If 4th dose received at 4 years of age or older, only 4 doses required. Required for school entry, range of 4 through 6 years of age for 5th dose no longer permitted.
- Polio (grades K, 1, 6 and 7 only)
4 doses of poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV)
If 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older, only 3 doses required
Required for school entry, range of 4 through 6 years of age for 4th dose no longer permitted
- Polio (grades 2-5, 8-12)
3 doses
- Changes to Grades 8 through 12 School Entrance Immunization Requirements
Children enrolling in grades 8 through 12 in the 2015-16 school year are in this cohort, including new entrants in subsequent years into the cohort's current grade levels (e.g. 2016-2017 grades 9-12, 2017-2018; grades 10-12, 2018-2019 grades 11-12, 2019-2020 12th grade).
Must meet immunization requirements of regulations in effect prior to July 1, 2014.
Do not need to have intervals assessed for immunizations.
Are compliant for 2015-2016 through graduation if they meet requirements in effect June 30, 2014, which were:
 - DTaP/DTP 3 doses
 - Tdap 1 dose
 - Polio 3 doses
 - MMR 2 doses, or 2 doses of measles, 1 dose of mumps, and 1 dose of rubella
 - Hep B 3 doses

Any student who does not meet the above-stated criteria is in violation of New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164, and **will not be admitted to school** until the student presents satisfactory written evidence of compliance.

Medical Exemption




Medical exemptions must be renewed annually; it must contain information to identify medical contraindications to specific immunization, must specify the length of time immunization contraindicated and must be written by a physician licensed to practice in the state of New York.

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FEBRUARY 2016

CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS: *INTEGRITY*

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	1 • PTA Council @ Dutch 8:00 P.M.	2 • Curriculum Council Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M.	3	4 • Elementary District Concert Rehearsal I @ HS 12:00 P.M.	5 • MS Dance 7:00-9:00 P.M.	6
7	8 • MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M.	9 • Elementary PTA Meetings • MS/HS Jazz Concert @ MS 7:30 P.M.	10 • BOE Committee Mtg. @ Amin. Bldg. 7:00 P.M. • Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. • HS Booster Club Mtg. 7:30 P.M.	11 • HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M.	12	13
14	15 PRESIDENTS DAY SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22 • PTA Presidents Mtg. with Superintendent 7:00 P.M.	23	24 • After-School Staff Development • Elementary District Concert Rehearsal II @ HS 12:00 P.M. • BOE Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M.	25 • PTA Founders Day	26	27
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BURNS AVENUE AND EAST STREET						
28	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DUTCH LANE AND WOODLAND</div>	  				



Instructional Program

The program of instruction in the district is designed to prepare students for the world into which they will graduate. The district curriculum is aligned to the rigor of the Common Core State Standards and designed to ensure students meet graduation requirements for college and career readiness. Development and evaluation of curriculum is an annual process to guarantee that students are provided with a program that meets this rigor and preparation. Performance objectives are established for each course with flexibility to allow for individual growth and differentiated instructional methods.

Educational goals and objectives set by the Board of Education serve as the framework upon which the program is built. These objectives include the development of academic and study skills, physical and intellectual development, scientific understanding, aesthetic expression, career development, and an awareness of the interaction between the individual and society. Hicksville Public Schools' programs provide for excellence in education in each curriculum area, with opportunities for intervention and enrichment.

Brief descriptions of the curricular programs follow. Further information is available by calling the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; the director of curriculum, instruction and assessments, curriculum supervisors; and principals. Their telephone numbers are listed in the last page of the calendar.

English, Reading and Library

Effective communication skills are vital in facing the challenges of higher education, future employment and the increasing demands of a competitive global economy. The State Education Department's adopted P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for English language arts and literacy articulate expectations for students' reading, writing and language use at each level of their development.

The development of literacy skills begins in the early years and continues through each child's school career. Innovative methods of instruction and an interdisciplinary approach encourage each child to think, compose and express ideas using clear and vivid language. Teacher training in instructional strategies and diagnostic skills to improve instruction and performance in literacy has been a high priority according to the goals set by the Board of Education. Our elementary reading program utilizes the literature-based Reading Street Program, which incorporates interdisciplinary curriculum modules aligned to the Common Core State Standards and the Teachers College Writer's Workshop, giving students opportunities to explore the characteristic elements and features of opinion, information and narrative writing.

Libraries throughout the district have been upgraded to include modern technology. The addition of computers, iPads, SmartBoards and educational software offers students opportunities to broaden their learning and technical skill development. The high school and middle school libraries have been automated and provide students with access to research through the Internet's carefully selected databases.

Fine Arts

The fine arts curriculum for music and visual arts emphasizes development of aesthetic sensitivity through the examination and experience of the creative and performing arts. Listening skills, instrumental instruction, choral singing and performance are all part of a rich and varied music program. Self-expression and creativity are emphasized in the visual arts program. Through the Arts in Education program, professional artists in the fields of art, music, drama and dance visit the schools throughout the district to work with students and help them to understand the nature of their art form. A wide range of courses in music and visual and performing arts is available to secondary school students. The visual arts program offers both fine and applied arts courses. Students may explore graphic art, animation and photography with modern computer technology and digital imaging. Extensive extracurricular activities at the secondary level support the program.

World Languages

World language instruction begins in the sixth grade with an alternate-day FLEX course designed to acquaint students with French, Mandarin Chinese, Italian and Spanish, plus the rudiments of Latin. After this sampling of languages, students choose the language they will study from the seventh grade onward. In grades 7 and 8, students develop the ability to communicate orally and in writing, and to read short passages on a variety of topics, such as personal identification, family, leisure and meal taking. For those students who are unable to take FLEX in sixth grade due to their receiving AIS services, we offer Spanish and Italian in the seventh grade.

Students are encouraged to continue a three-year sequence of study to enhance their language skills and to help them meet with success in an increasingly global society. We offer college-level courses in partnership with St. John's University beyond the third year of language study. Students who wish to pursue study of additional languages can take Mandarin Chinese I, II, and III. Students learn the fundamentals of speaking, reading and writing Mandarin Chinese and are introduced to the tone system and character writing. Students in grades 10 through 12 may also pursue American Sign Language I and II for elective credit.

ENL

Students are evaluated upon entry into the Hicksville School District to determine their eligibility for the English as a New Language (ENL) program. This program is designed to provide English Language Learners (ELL) with the appropriate support services needed to achieve and maintain a satisfactory level of academic performance and ensure a smooth transition into English mainstream classes. State regulations determine eligibility requirements for this program.

Mathematics

It is the goal of the mathematics program to develop mathematically proficient and confident students. At all levels, our program is

aligned with the New York State Common Core standards and is designed to help students develop skills in computation, mathematical communication and problem-solving. With the proper foundation laid at the elementary level, the secondary curriculum provides alternate programs of study to ensure that skills are further developed and the needs of all students are addressed. All eighth-grade students complete a course in Algebra I at the middle school. For the majority of high school students, a three-year sequence of study in Regents-endorsed math courses is available. This can be enhanced with a choice of electives. For students experiencing difficulty, a support program is available to help ensure that they will achieve the required level of proficiency. Students seeking an additional challenge may take part in the enriched and accelerated honors program that culminates with the study of calculus while still in high school. All students, regardless of their level of accomplishment, are urged to study four years of mathematics.

Business Education

The district program in business education begins with the development of computer skills. Students are introduced to the Microsoft Office programs Word, Excel and PowerPoint, as well as to the web design program Dreamweaver.

The high school level offers a wide range of business courses including accounting, marketing, business law and small-business operations. Students seeking an additional challenge may enroll in college-level courses in accounting and/or marketing through a partnership agreement with Long Island University.

Exposure to the world of business provides a valuable experience for students, which is applicable to many career paths following their completion of high school.

Computer and Technology Education

The district program offers students hands-on experience with computers and one to one device beginning in kindergarten and extending through high school. New equipment and software at all levels of instruction are added regularly to prepare students for the world in which we live. Interactive SmartBoard technology is employed in classrooms throughout the district. In intermediate grades, students are introduced to word processing and PowerPoint programs for writing stories and compositions, and for public presentations of research. In addition, the computer and iPads are used in learning exercises and in the reinforcement of math, language and vocabulary skills. In the middle school, students in grades 6 and 7 use iPads daily to enhance instruction and individualize learning. Accessibility to computers, one to one device and more advanced software applications continues in the high school.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DUTCH LANE AND WOODLAND						
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Spring Sports Begin PTA Council @ East 8:00 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary PTA Meetings Elementary District Concert Rehearsal III @ HS 12:00 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Second Trimester Elementary Schools BOE Committee Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 7:00 P.M. Booster Club Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Musical 7:00 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Musical 7:00 P.M. MS Dance 7:00-9:00 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Musical 7:00 P.M.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Golf/Tennis Begins MS PTA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared Decision Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M. Supes On 7:00 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOE Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M. Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Musical 7:00 P.M. HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Musical 7:00 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Musical 7:00 P.M.
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	Snow Contingency Day SPRING BREAK - SCHOOLS CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary District Chorus Rehearsal IV @ HS 12:00 P.M. Curriculum Council Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M. District Chorus Concert @ HS 7:30 P.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After-School Staff Development 			



Science

The science program promotes science as a lifelong search for understanding of biological and physical phenomena. In state-of-the-art science labs at both secondary schools, science teachers facilitate student learning so all children can reach their potential. Current approaches of hands-on, inquiry-based lessons from kindergarten through 12th grade are important instructional strategies utilized by the staff. The goal of the science program is to promote scientific literacy. Life, earth and physical sciences are emphasized through the eighth grade. The content of each grade is consistent with the Common Core, New York State and national science standards.

High school students study the major sciences at Regents, Honors or Advanced Placement levels. Numerous electives are available to students in anatomy and physiology, environmental science, forensic science and science research. Through exposure to various science fields, students are prepared to meet the challenges of the world of work, or further studies in science at prestigious colleges and universities.

Character Education

Each day students begin with a thoughtful message from Project Wisdom encouraging self-reflection, civility and good character. Activities and curricular components are scheduled and planned each month at each school. To strengthen our school-home partnership, the character education focus for each month is listed on the calendar, providing opportunities for families to extend learning at home.

Social Studies

The social studies program includes the study of historical events, the functions of government, natural resources, business cycles, group behavior and individual personality to better understand the past, the present and the possible future of human society. An additional goal of the social studies program is education for citizenship. A democracy demands citizens who are knowledgeable concerning human affairs and who can apply this knowledge effectively in the critical task of self-government.

The New York State Education Department has established U.S. history, world history, geography, economics and civics as the learning standards for social studies. The K-12 curriculum is aligned with the Common Core and staff development has focused on methodology needed to meet these standards and prepare students for assessments required for graduation. In addition, high school students have the opportunity to study at Regents, Honors and Advanced Placement levels. Electives include ethics, law, psychology, human rights, historical research, human geography and New York State history.

Home and Careers

Although technology is rapidly changing our society, the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, positive relationships and satisfying work remain constant. The goal of the Home and Careers program is to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes that will enable students to manage their personal, family and work lives.

The district curriculum is aligned with the New York State standards and the Common Core.

Academic Enrichment Programs

In addition to the quality experiences provided within the general education program, the District offers the R.I.S.E. (Recognizing Individual Student Excellence) program to identify high-achieving students. The program is structured to stimulate and develop the natural intellectual potential of high-achieving students and to offer a variety of opportunities for expression within an environment that is academically challenging and encourages creative thinking.

Secondary-level students have a range of opportunities through the Advanced Placement program, giving students the opportunity to gain advanced college standing. Honors classes in all academic areas are available beginning in grade 7.

Academic Intervention Services

Academic Intervention Services are provided to students who score below the state-designated performance level on state assessments and/or who are at risk of not achieving the State Learning Standards.

These services are intended to supplement the general curriculum and support students as they strive to meet grade-specific standards. Elementary and middle school students may be invited to participate in the K-8 extended day program, which takes place after school. This program provides targeted instruction to support students in meeting grade-level standards during the school year. Evening high school is offered to individual seniors to fulfill graduation requirements.

After-School Childcare

In keeping with the district's desire to provide a safe, well-supervised, enjoyable and reliable environment for children after-school hours, an after-school childcare program is available for elementary students. The program is operated by SCOPE, a not-for-profit organization chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and licensed by the New York State Department of Social Services. This year, the program will be held at two sites – Woodland and Old Country Road schools. Students from other district schools will receive transportation to the program, which is open until 6:30 p.m. For further information, call SCOPE Childcare at 631-360-0800.

Student Assessments



Student performance is measured and monitored throughout the year and used to inform instructional decisions. Computerized and adaptive assessments for measuring student growth are administered to students in grades K-8 for ELA and math during the fall and spring utilizing the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Components of the Reading Street program are used to monitor students profiles in grades K-5. Students in grades 3-8 and high school students enrolled in Regents courses are administered the New York State assessments according to the dates listed in the district calendar. Parents of students in grades 3-8 receive performance reports with historical performance information to track student progress and assist in strengthening the home-school partnership in supporting student learning at home.

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APRIL 2016

CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS:
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3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Fine Arts/Modern Language Honor Society Inductions 7:00 P.M. • PTA Council @ Fork Lane 8:00 P.M. 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOE Committee Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 7:00 P.M. 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Citizens Luncheon 2:00 P.M. • HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Third Quarter Secondary Schools 	9
		NYS ELA Assessment Grades 3-8				
10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary PTA Meetings 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booster Club Mtg. 7:30 P.M. @ HS 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Communicators Roundtable 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS Dance 7:00-9:00 P.M. 	16
		NYSESLAT Speaking - April 12-May 13	NYS Math Assessment Grades 3-8			
17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Junior Honor Society Induction 7:00 P.M. 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Council Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M. • Tri-M Recital @ HS 7:00 P.M. • BOE Mtg./BOCES Vote @ Admin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M. • Special Mtg./Adoption of School Budget 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After-School Staff Development • Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. • Deadline to Register for May SATs 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholars Dinner 7:30 P.M. 	22	23
24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offices Closed 	26	27	28	29	30
SPRING RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED						



NYS School Report Card

The New York State School Report Card provides important information regarding academic performance of all students in raising learning standards. Information from the School Report Cards is used to plan instructional supports for students and ensure that students are gaining the knowledge required to meet the rigor of the Common Core State Standards and graduation requirements.

The School Report Card includes the state and federal accountability status required under the No Child Left Behind legislation for student performance for the district and each school within the district. The public may access the School Report Card by using the New York State public website at <https://reportcards.nysed.gov/>. School Report Cards for the district and individual schools may also be accessed via the school district website at www.hicksvillepublicschools.org.

Graduation Summary

To date, 95.4% of the graduates of the Hicksville High School Class of 2015 indicated that they planned to further their education at two-year and four-year colleges, technical schools, and enter into the military service; 4.56% plan to enter the workforce; 97% of the graduates earned Regents endorsement on their high school diplomas.

Summer Programs

The Board of Education and Administration are committed to providing opportunities for emotional and social growth, as well as intellectual and skill development for students during the summer months. Contingent upon Board and budget approval, programs are offered each summer to students who are residents of Hicksville. Information regarding these programs follows:

Summer Academic Programs

Elementary students may be invited to participate in the Summer Academic Program which focuses on supporting students in learning grade appropriate concepts and skills in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The Sixth Grade Summer Academy focuses on strengthening English language arts and mathematics. The Secondary Summer School for grades 7-12 is offered through a consortium with Nassau BOCES and provides additional opportunities for students to meet graduation requirements.

Summer Activities Program

A half-day morning program is available to students in grades 1-8 in three, two-week sessions. Each session offers a choice of two activity

selections and tuition is based upon the number of sessions selected. An exciting full-day program is also available to students in grades 1-6. Students can enjoy the same morning activity choices as the half-day program, with educational and recreational field trips planned for the afternoon.

Summer Connections

To continue progress during the summer months, students in grades K-5 are provided with Summer Connections, a learning document prepared to reinforce grade-level curriculum learned throughout the school year. Each elementary school offers an incentive program to encourage student participation in Summer Connections. Students are asked to return the document to school in September so that student effort and progress can be celebrated with the child's new teacher.

Student Support Services

In addition to a full instructional program, the district provides support services to help maintain healthy minds and bodies, meet the needs of special students, and offer guidance and counseling to youngsters in every grade level. The student support services offered by the Hicksville Public Schools are as follows:

Kindergarten Readiness Screening

Kindergarten students will be given a Kindergarten Readiness Test (KRT) in May or June prior to entering school. The purpose of this screening is to prepare for the individual needs of the students.

The development skills, which are measured in the KRT, are usually considered stepping stones for success in school. Most preschool children have acquired the skills used in this test by the time they are 5. The results of the KRT are to be used in conjunction with classroom teacher observation at the start of the school year to identify strengths and weaknesses. This will help teachers develop their plans specifically with your child in mind.

Special Education

It is the goal of the Hicksville Public Schools to provide each student with "free" and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. To meet the special educational needs of children with disabilities, the district provides a full continuum

including support services, resource rooms and special classes designed to meet the individual youngster's capabilities and learning styles. The network of teaching and support staff is aimed at encouraging students to work and learn with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent possible. In some cases, the severity of the disability may require placement in special classes or schools operated by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) or in other private schools. However, no placement is made without the approval of the Committee on Special Education and the child's parent.

If you believe that your child (from birth through age 21) may have a disability, you are urged to call the Office of Special Education at 516-733-2160.

Speech and Language Services

Speech and language therapists employed by the district work with the speech and language and hearing impaired, and the voice and fluency problems of students ages 3-21 years. Services are provided by the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool Special Education to classified parochial and public school students to help remediate these areas. Instructional services are provided in a public or private school setting on an individual or small-group basis.

District Website

The district's website, www.hicksvillepublicschools.org is a great source of information for students, parents and community members. The website includes important announcements, upcoming events, Board of Education meeting agendas and minutes, Board of Education policies, budget information and curriculum guides. In addition, each school and department has webpages providing an overview of the curriculum, contact information, forms that can be completed online, specific calendars and current headlines and features. Each teacher also has a webpage that provide information including the overview of a course or class, expectations, homework assignments, teacher contact information, links to education resources, as well as a link to the parent portal of PowerSchool and access directions. PowerSchool is a secure Web-based student management system designed to strengthen communication between the school and home by providing parents and legal guardians access to their child's attendance records and academic programs online.



The website is a means of communication with students, parents and the community and is updated regularly to provide important information and has a translator toolbar that can translate any page into a variety of languages.

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MAY 2016

CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS: COMMUNITY

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1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Chemistry/A.M. AP Environmental Sci./A.M. AP Psychology/P.M. PTA Council @ Lee Avenue 8:00 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing - May 2-13 </div>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Computer Sci. A/A.M. AP Physics 1/P.M. AP Spanish Lang. & Culture/A.M. Voter Registration 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP English Lit. & Comp./A.M. BOE Committee Mtg./ Budget Hearing @ Admin. Bldg. 7:00 P.M. 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Calculus AB/A.M. AP Calculus BC/A.M. College Planning Night @ HS 7:00 P.M. MS Piano Recital 7:00 P.M. 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Studio Art/A.M. AP U.S. History/A.M. 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAT Reasoning Test/SAT Subject Test HS 8:00 A.M. 		
8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Biology/A.M. MS Grade 6 Concert @ HS 7:30 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> MAP Testing Gr. 3-8 May 9-20 </div>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP U.S. Gov. & Politics/A.M. Elementary PTA Meetings MS Grade 7 Concert @ HS 7:30 P.M. 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Eng. Lang. & Comp./A.M. BOE Secondary Recognition Ceremony @ HS 7:00 P.M. Booster Club Mtg. @ High School 7:30 P.M. 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Statistics/P.M. AP World History/A.M. HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. MS Grade 8 Concert @ HS 7:30 P.M. 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Human Geography/A.M. AP Microeconomics/A.M. Secondary Progress Reports 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Junior Prom 		
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior Citizen Prom 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS 1st Spring Concert 7:30 P.M. MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION 7 a.m.-9 p.m. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary School Expos BOE Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M. 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After-School Staff Development Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. Deadline to Register for June SATs 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Day Program Ends Grades K-8 HS 2nd Spring Concert 7:30 P.M. 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Dance Grades 6 & 7 7:00-900 P.M. 	21		
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEPTA Mtg. @ HS 7:00 P.M. HS 3rd Spring Concert 7:30 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> MAP Testing Gr. K-2 May 23-June 10 </div>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary School Concerts (Burns, East, Fork) 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary School Concerts (Dutch, Lee, OCR, Woodland) 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary School Concerts (Dutch, Lee, OCR, Woodland) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Gr. 4 & 8 NYS Science Performance Assessment </div>	26	27 <p style="text-align: center;"> Memorial Day Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Snow Contingency Day </p>	28		
29	30 <p style="text-align: center;"> Memorial Day SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED </p>	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Staff Development Make-Up MS Awards Grade 6 7:00 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Gr. 4 & 8 NYS Science Performance Assessment </div>						



Health Services

Each school has a full-time registered nurse on duty to provide a variety of health-screening services, and to administer first aid. School nurses maintain health histories of all children and conduct vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings during the year. It is important that parents keep the health office informed of any changes in their child's health.

School Psychological Services

Psychological counseling and testing services are provided to students designated by the Committee on Special Education. Tests are administered to determine the intellectual, emotional and mental status of students. Attempts are always made to reach early diagnosis and appraisal of each child and direct assistance is given to students and parents, as appropriate, to help with the child's education.

School support teams, comprised of administrators, teachers, counselors, psychologists and social workers, review student performance and make educational recommendations. Crisis intervention teams, comprised of district professionals, are available to assist with emergency issues affecting children.

School Social Work Services

The services of the district team of social workers are available in the following areas: child abuse, chronic truancy, family court petitions, home-school liaison and visitation, severe discipline problems, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, maltreatment and educational neglect, medical and physical neglect, child-family counseling, special education services, mandated counseling, alternative family placement and agency referral and liaison.

Social workers coordinate efforts with other school community agencies to provide services to students and their families.

Home Teaching

If a resident student is prevented from attending school because of illness or other valid reasons, the district will provide an individual instructional service called home teaching. Parents of children who require home teaching should make arrangements through the health office of the school where the child is enrolled as soon as the anticipated term of absence has been determined. Pupils in grades 1-5 receive one hour of instruction daily; those in grades 6-12 receive two hours per day per subject.

Working Papers

Students under the age of 18 seeking employment require working papers. Applications and working papers are issued by the registration office in the administration building between the hours of 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. when school is in session, and from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. during July and August. The completed application must be signed by a

parent or guardian, and must be accompanied by a birth or baptismal certificate to verify age, and a doctor's certification that the student is physically fit to work. For additional information, visit the registration office or call 516-733-2168.

Guidance and Counseling

Guidance and counseling services are provided to all middle and high school students. Guidance counselors provide support services addressing the academic as well as the social and emotional needs of students faced with important personal and career choices. They guide students in making appropriate decisions, solving problems, and accepting responsibility for planning their programs of study by examining future goals, special skills and talents, and individual capabilities. Guidance counselors serve as resources for parents with information about scholarships, financial aid, interpreting test scores, graduation requirements, and college or technical school choices.

Career Resource Center

The Career Resource Center, located in the high school guidance and counseling center, provides students, parents and community members with a comprehensive collection of materials for college and career planning. The collection includes career and college search reference books and materials, college CDs, and career and occupational briefs and projections.

The center is available during regular school hours to students attending Hicksville High School.

Census

Each school district is required to take a census of all residents, including families without school children. A census form is sent to each household annually. In this way, a current, accurate record is kept for every residence in Hicksville. All families new to the district are required to complete a census form at the time of registration. If you have not completed a census form, please contact the registration office at 516-733-2168.

Wellness Policy

The Hicksville School District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being and ability by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Pursuant to 204 of the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants, and Child Reauthorization Act of 2004, and 918 of the New York State Education Law, the district established the Wellness Policy to enhance the learning and development of lifelong wellness practices.

The Wellness Policy includes nutrition educational goals, physical activity goals and school-based activities goals, and establishes nutrition standards for food and beverages served to students. The policy also includes annual monitoring and evaluation of goals.

PESTICIDE SPRAYING

For several years, the district has been involved in an Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) in accordance with New York State Education Department regulations. The new Pesticide Notification Law requires the district to form a registry of any student, parent or staff member who wishes to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a regulated pesticide application. Individuals may request that their names be added to the school registry at any time during the school year. Please be aware that in a case of emergency, we may not be able to provide a 48-hour notice.

All interested parties should contact the district's pesticide representative in the facilities and operations office at 516-733-2180, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public notice of Asbestos Management Plan in accordance with New York State Department of Education requirements under Environmental Protection Agency regulation (40 CFR Part 763): The Asbestos Management Plan and any response actions taken or planned are available in the district's facilities and operations office. All interested parties should contact the local education agency's designated person in the facilities and operations office at 516-733-2180, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

AVAILABILITY OF FIRE SAFETY REPORTS



Notice is hereby given that the annual fire safety inspections, conducted during November 2013 for Hicksville High School, Hicksville Middle School, Burns Avenue School, Dutch Lane School, Fork Lane School, Lee Avenue School, East Street School, Old Country Road School, Woodland School, Willet Avenue School, Administration Building, Hicksville Public Library and the Library Computer Resource Center of the Hicksville UFSD, for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, have been completed and the report is available at the facilities and operations office at 200 Division Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801, for inspection by all interested persons.

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JUNE 2016

CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS: DETERMINATION

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			1 • NYS Algebra 2/Trig Exam • MS Awards Grade 7	2 • Secondary Staff Development Make-Up • HS Art Exhibit Opening 6:00 P.M. • HS Senior Athletic Awards Banquet 7:00 P.M.	3 • Theater in the Round @ HS Auditorium 7:00 P.M.	4 • SAT Reasoning/SAT Subject Tests @ HS 8:00 A.M. • Theater in the Round @ HS Auditorium 7:00 P.M.
5 • Theater in the Round @ HS Auditorium 2:00 P.M.	6 • Senior Awards Ceremony 7:00 P.M. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Grades 4-8 NYS Science Written Assessment</div>	7 • Elementary Staff Development Make-Up • Shared Decision Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 4:00 P.M. • MS Awards Grade 8 7:00 P.M.	8 • BOE Elementary Recognition Ceremony @ HS 7:00 P.M. • Booster Club @ HS 7:30 P.M.	9 • Secondary Staff Development Make-Up • HS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M.	10 • End of Third Trimester Elementary Schools	11
HS IN-CLASS FINAL EXAMS						
12 • PTA Scholarship Tea 1:00 P.M.	13 • MS PTSA Mtg. 7:30 P.M.	14 • Elementary PTA Meetings • MS Last Full Day of Classes • PTA Council @ OCR 8:00 P.M.	15 • Band Parents Association Mtg. @ HS 7:30 P.M. • BOE Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg. 8:30 P.M.	16	17 • MS Dance Grade 8 7:30-10:00 P.M.	18
HS IN-CLASS FINAL EXAMS						
19	20	21	22	23 • Grade 5 Commencement • Rating Day • Senior Prom 6:30 P.M.	24 • Last Day of School for Students • Elementary Report Cards • MS Commencement Ceremony 9:30 A.M.	25
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CLOSED AFTERNOON						
HS FINALS / REGENTS EXAMS - NO REGULAR CLASSES						
26 • HS Graduation 2:00 P.M.	27	28	29	30		


JULY 2016

AUGUST 2016

HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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7	8	9	10	11 • Elementary Special Education Summer School Ends	12	13
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28	29	30	31 • Grade 9 Orientation 9:00 A.M. • MS Grade 6 Orientation 7:00 P.M. @ MS			

TELEPHONE NUMBERS ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPERVISORY STAFF AND PTA

Superintendent of Schools	516-733-2105
Carl Bonuso, Ed.D.	
Assistant Superintendent for Business	
Marcy Tannenbaum	516-733-2110
Assistant Superintendent for Personnel	
Rosemarie Coletti	516-733-2125
Assistant Supt. for Curriculum and Instruction	
Marianne Litzman.....	516-733-2145
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments	
Susan Guiliano.....	516-733-2149
School Business Administrator	
Ellen Reilly	516-733-2112
Director of Educational Technology and Grants	
Daniel Friedman.....	516-733-2171
Supervisors:	
English, Reading and Library	
Thomas Moss, Ed.D.....	516-733-2147
Fine Arts	
Philip Grusenmeyer	516-733-2142
Math, Business and Computer Education	
Ronald Labrocca	516-733-2146
Modern Languages, ESL and Activities	
Lisa Estrada.....	516-733-2144
Science and Technology	
Michael O'Connell.....	516-733-2143
Social Studies, Home and Careers	
Rose Borda, Ed.D.....	516-733-2148
Board of Education	516-733-2106
Community Services	516-733-2190
Continuing Education	516-733-2240
District Clerk	
John O'Brien	516-733-2104
Facilities and Operations	
David Bell.....	516-733-2180
Security (Mobile).....	516-297-1614
Snow Hotline.....	516-733-2177
Personnel	
Office.....	516-733-2125
Employee Benefits.....	516-733-2130
Phys. Ed, Health, Athletics, Driver Ed. and Recreation	
Matthew Calarco, Director	516-733-2245
Receptionist	516-733-2101
Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services	
Michelle Davis, Director.....	516-733-2160
Patricia Griffin Ed.D., Assistant Director	516-733-2160
Committee on Special Education.....	516-733-2160
Registration and Census.....	516-733-2168
Nurse Coordinator.....	516-733-2276
Attendance - Danielle Tanzi	516-733-2214
Technical Support Services	516-733-2170
Transportation	
Joseph DeLutri, Supervisor	516-733-2185
Working Papers	516-733-2168

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Burns Avenue School

Office.....516-733-2311

40 Burns Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801-2684

Principal - Michael Dunn

Nurse - Joan Welsh, R.N..... 516-733-2315

Dutch Lane School

Office.....516-733-2361

50 Stewart Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801-6199

Principal - Susan Strauss

Nurse - Amy Siegenthaler, R.N..... 516-733-2365

East Street School

Office.....516-733-2321

50 East St., Hicksville, NY 11801-3196

Principal - Jean-Marie Serra

Nurse - Kerri Sullivan

Fork Lane School

Office.....516-733-2341

4 Fork Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801-6200

Principal - Christopher Scardino

Nurse - Sharon Tenenbaum, R.N..... 516-733-2345

Lee Avenue School

Office.....516-733-2351

1 Seventh St., Hicksville, NY 11801-5805

Principal - Stephanie Stam

Nurse - Joi Kravitz..... 516-733-2355

Old Country Road School

Office.....516-733-2301

49 Rhodes Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801-4697

Principal - Anthony Lubrano

Nurse - Christine Kani, R.N..... 516-733-2305

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Office.....516-733-2331

85 Ketcham Road, Hicksville, NY 11801-2099

Principal - Mary Hance

Nurse - Marisa Orlic, R.N..... 516-733-2335

Districtwide Nurse: Julie Bartoli, R.N..... 516-733-2356

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