

# HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Eric Luther  
**Date:** 8/10/2023  
**Re:**

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We are nearly complete with summer school. We had a handful of students who took in-person summer school either at Gouverneur or Carthage and we had 12 students take the online version offered through HCS. Grades will be finalized next week hopefully the students do well enough to earn back the credit(s) they were lacking. We will also have 7 students retaking their Regents' Exams next week as well.

We were able to find a certified Earth Science teacher which was great! He will be bringing a wealth of experience and should fit in nicely with the school and staff. We are now looking for a potential music teacher though. This will surely be difficult but hopefully we can find someone. If not, it could have a detrimental impact on the music program and I will have to work with our other teacher to develop a plan moving forward. Fingers crossed....we find someone!

In athletics, we are all set for the start of soccer season on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> for the varsity teams. Their new uniforms have arrived and we are ready for the soccer tournament. I have also finalized all of the basketball schedules and am working on potential baseball and softball matchups for the spring.

We are also nearly complete with the baseball field improvements. This has taken longer than expected but we will be starting construction of the new dugouts as soon as they are done with the field. I am also in the process of trying to secure camera systems for the baseball/softball fields and potentially the soccer fields. This would allow us to broadcast our games similar to the basketball games. These discussions are preliminary but I have started them.

The Central Committee meetings in July went well. There were a handful of items which directly impact Harrisville such as the implementation of a Safety Plan and drill for each team. This will become a statewide requirement in the Fall of 2024 but I am implementing it this year to get ahead of the game. I am also now on a NYSPHSAA committee to represent Section X with

regards to increasing participation of students/teams at the state competitions. This will be a hot topic for sure but we have not had an initial meeting yet.

I also working with the other districts in our area again to set up the 4-6 boys' and girls' basketball leagues. I am waiting on confirmation of teams and I will be getting schedules out to all of the coaches and districts as soon as I hear back from everyone.

In CSE, we have finished up all of the CSE meetings from last year and we are preparing to schedule all of the re-evaluations for the 23-24 school year. I have also gotten a new speech teacher and OT specialists through Jeff-Lewis BOCES as St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES did not have anyone to provide this service for us.

I was wrong with the SPP #13 (Secondary Transition for SWD) report which I referenced last month. I was under the impression this was an internal audit with was to be completed and submitted by our staff over the summer. It has now been changed to an audit by the Regional Associate. She will be coming to Harrisville in the Fall to review our transition plans for our students over the age of 15. This is something we have always done very well and we emphasized this past spring so I am hopeful this will be a positive review. I will keep you all abreast of the progress once they begin this process.