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Dear Families,

Welcome back from spring break! While state testing is underway this month, let's keep an upbeat attitude and create an environment where our students can truly thrive. Testing can feel stressful, but with plenty of encouragement, good sleep, nutritious meals, and a positive mindset, our kids will be well-equipped to show what they've learned. Our cafeterias are serving up tasty, healthy breakfast and lunch options to fuel their minds and bodies.

The April Board meeting continued to focus on master facility discussions. The community facility survey results were reviewed and are posted on the district facility page (<https://bit.ly/HCSFacilities>). Overall, respondents are favorable of a construction project that meets our facility needs. Amenities and creativity are encouraged. The current plan under discussion focuses on making improvements to Woodlands to maintain a safe, warm, and dry learning environment for the next 10-15 years. The focus also includes a new 6th-12th grade building on the Woodlands property. Constructing a new 6-12 building will create an academic campus. The stadium and parts of the current high school can be converted into an athletic campus for shared use by students and the community. Future debt refinancing can create opportunities for a new elementary school or other school/community amenities.

Additional information is being collected. A land survey of the Woodlands property is nearly completed. This will confirm the viability of building a 6-12 grade building on that property. Architect firm AVG and district stakeholders will perform a programming activity to identify big ideas of the design concepts desired in our new building. This will still be fairly broad in concept but will enable AVG to accurately cost the desired scope of work. All this information will be reviewed at the May board meeting. The possibilities are endless as we envision Huron's bright future! The decision point for getting a bond issue on the November ballot will be the June 17th meeting.

In the meantime, let's celebrate the amazing talents of our students! Tonight, our award-winning choir competes at the State Contest—break a leg, Tigers! Tomorrow, the 43rd Artie Miller Memorial Track & Field Invitational is at 10 a.m. at Mucci Field/Huron Memorial Stadium. Come cheer on our incredible athletes as they go for gold. More fun activities are on the horizon in May, too.

This is such an exciting time for Huron City Schools! Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we engage, equip, and empower every student to reach their full potential. By working together, we'll make this spring season one to remember.

With Tiger Pride,

Dr. James J. Tatman, Ed.D.