HORSEHEADS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Horseheads CSD Families,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many reasons we have to be thankful here in Raider Nation. Each day, our students benefit from the dedication of talented educators, supportive families, and a community that values public education. As we prepare for the holiday season, I wish all of our families a happy and restful Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Recess -- A reminder that **schools will be closed Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and recess. Classes will resume on Monday, November 30. We hope this break provides our students, families and staff with an opportunity to rest, reconnect, and enjoy time with loved ones.

December Early Dismissal Days -- Please plan ahead for two upcoming curriculum conference half-days. **There will be no afternoon classes for the designated grade levels** on the following dates:

- **Friday, December 4:** Grades 7–12
- **Friday, December 11:** Grades Pre-K–6

Students in other grade levels will follow their regular schedules on these dates. Families should watch for building-specific communications regarding dismissal times and transportation arrangements as these dates approach.

Capital Project: Important Dates Ahead -- As we approach the December 15 capital project referendum, we encourage residents to learn more about the proposed improvements to district facilities and infrastructure. Two additional public information sessions will provide opportunities to review project details, understand the proposed financial impact and ask questions.

- **Tuesday, December 1:** Public Information Session at Big Flats Community Center, at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 9:** Public Information Session at Horseheads High School Cafeteria, at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 15:** Capital Project Referendum Vote — Horseheads High School North Gym

We encourage all eligible district residents to become informed about the proposal before voting.

Celebrating Fall Athletics and Welcoming Winter Sports -- As our fall athletic season ends, I want to congratulate our student-athletes and coaches on their achievements, including several outstanding postseason performances. Their hard work, sportsmanship and determination have given our community plenty of reasons to celebrate. We now look forward to the excitement of winter athletics as our teams prepare for competition on the courts, mats, ice and in the pool. Best wishes to all of our winter student-athletes and coaches. **Go Raiders!**

With Gratitude -- As we enter the holiday season, thank you for the trust you place in our schools and for your continued involvement in your children's education. It is a privilege to serve a community that cares so deeply about its students and their futures. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



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