

# Dr. Thomas J. Douglas Superintendent

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the school year ends and summer begins, the district wishes to extend our congratulations to our graduating Class of 2025! Additionally, we would like to provide some important updates, and thank everyone who continues to support our students, families, and staff.

# Congratulations to the Class of 2025

The district is proud to announce that 298 seniors graduated from Horseheads High School this week. Congratulations to the Class of 2025 and their families—we wish you all the best in your next chapter!

### Successful Field Days

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this year's Field Days such a great success across all our elementary buildings. These events brought energy, laughter, and school spirit to our students and campuses — an uplifting way to wrap up the year.

#### **Summer Construction Season**

It will be a busy summer across the district for construction and moving of classrooms and staff. Several of our buildings will be under heavy construction as we "Continue the Build" to revitalize our district and bring updates and climate control to assist the learning environment for our community. We will also have various schoolwide initiatives happening throughout the summer as we transition and relocate Ridge Road students to the Center Street building for just the 2025-2026 school year.

# Communication for the 2025-2026 School Year

School principals will reach out to families over the summer with building-specific information—including schedules, arrival/dismissal procedures, cell phone policies, and more. Please check your email regularly for updates.

## Finalized Start and End Times for 2025-2026

New arrival and dismissal times have been finalized for the 2025–2026 school year. These changes are posted on the <u>district website</u> and are being sent to families. A flexible option, for families with work-related conflict only, will be offered through the fall for those that may have some challenges adjusting to the new schedule. More details will be emailed to elementary parents next week regarding this process. This way parents who are in immediate need may apply for assistance starting July 7, 2025.

## **Busing Reminder**

If you haven't yet registered your child online for busing, please call the Transportation Department at **(607) 739-6338** as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools