



School District 105

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Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year. This is the first of six **District 105 Newsletters** we will send throughout the year. This one page newsletter is another way we highlight the important district information we share on our website and through presentations and forums.

Did You Know?

Last spring, parents, staff, and students once again gave the district top ratings on the *District 105 Satisfaction Survey*. The full survey report can be found on our district website.

- 96% of students report that they like going to school and that their school is a good place to learn.
- 98% of students feel safe in school.
- 90% of students report that they work with their teachers to set individualized learning goals and that they develop plans to accomplish these goals.
- 98% of students respond that their teachers expect them to do their best work.
- 98% of parents report that they are welcomed in their school and that their assistance is sought by the schools.
- 95% of parents respond that their child receives the appropriate instructional challenge.
- 95% of teachers report that they understand and support district goals and priorities.
- 100% of teachers and support staff report that quality work is required of them.

Lenzi Apartments, Village of Hodgkins

The Village of Hodgkins announced plans last spring to purchase the Lenzi apartment complex because of concerns about the unsafe conditions of the buildings. Historically, about ten percent of the district's students have resided in the Lenzi apartments. The village subsequently scheduled family relocation and building demolition in phases to begin in August, 2016 and end in June, 2017. The district has worked very closely with the village and social agencies to support this transition for our families. To date, just over half of our families have moved out of their Lenzi apartments - many of these families have relocated within the District 105. As this process continues, Hodgkins School will continue to lose some students, but the enrollment will remain large enough for the school to provide the comprehensive, high quality programming expected in District 105.

District 105 Continuous Improvement

Our district's strength is the relentless pursuit of improvement as reflected in our strategic goals. Our progress toward these goals is reflected in our district dashboard and regular update presentations to the School Board – both of which can be found on our website. Below are our annual targets for improved district performance:

Strategic Goal: All students will demonstrate continuous growth and achieve college and career readiness standards.

- *Target: 55% of our eighth grade graduates will qualify for accelerated/honors high school courses in English, Math, and Science.*
- *Target: District 105 will rank at or above the 90th percentile nationally in the progress students make in Spring to Spring math and reading progress.*
- *Target: All District 105 grade levels will rank at or above the 85th percentile nationally in student math and reading achievement.*

Strategic Goal: All Students will attend school in a safe, supportive and healthy learning environment.

- *Target: 90% or more of students will provide positive responses to survey items about a safe, supportive, and healthy school environment.*

Strategic Goal: Recruit, retain, and develop a high quality, collaborative staff

- *Target: 90% or more of staff will provide positive responses to survey items about climate, instructional programming, professional development, involvement, and communication.*