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Dr. Juliette Pennyman, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent's Report

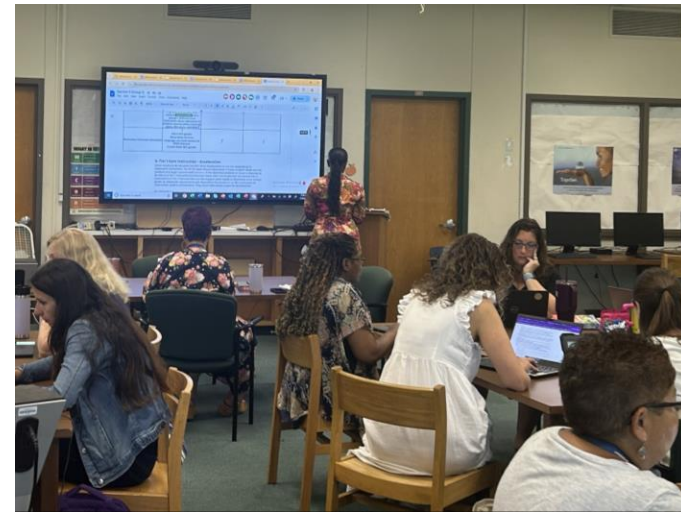
September 10, 2024



Superintendent's Conference Day

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- On September 3rd, 2024, the District held its Superintendent's Conference Day. The morning started with an opening speech from Dr. Pennyman where she acknowledged and introduced new staff, welcomed everyone back, and presented updates on the strategic plan. Following the Superintendent's speech, Dr. Pressey, DEI Manager, gave an update on the District's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Afterward, Dr. Kortright-Torres, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, talked about district-wide initiatives.
- The District was honored to host Principal Kafele as the event's anticipated keynote speaker. Principal Kafele is a distinguished and highly respected urban educator, a master teacher, and a transformational school leader.
- Also, over the summer, Hudson CSD's superintendent, administration, teachers, and other faculty and staff members participated in various professional development and summer learning opportunities. The focus of the District's Summer learning was around the 6 Keys to School Improvement.





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First Day of School!

The first day of the District's 2024-25 school year was on September 4th, 2024!

A special thanks goes out to the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity - Albany Chapter and to the Hudson Police Department for ensuring a smooth, fun first day of school at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Hudson Sr. HS Cell Phone Restriction



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- The new cell phone rule has been well-received in the high school.
- At Freshmen Orientation, 90 incoming 9th grade students and parents/guardians were present as high school administration discussed the new cell phone rule. No parents/guardians had concerns regarding the new cell phone rule. In fact, several parents applauded the decision.
- Cell phone pouches have been placed in every classroom in the high school.
- The pouches are numbered and students are assigned a number in their class. Students will place their cell phone in the numbered pouch. At the end of the period, they get their phone and can be used during transitions and lunch. Students have been told the ideal place for the cell phones is to keep it locked up in their locker. If a student doesn't place a cell phone in the pouch, the assumption is the phone is in their locker or turned off. The students are aware that if their phone is used or goes off in class the teacher will ask for it and it will go to the office for the remainder of the day.
- Derek Reardon has emphasized to HS staff that they all need to be on the same page to enforce this new rule.



Bluehawk Café

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- The Jr./Sr. High cafeteria has been reimagined, upgraded, and beautifully renewed with attractive amenities designed to substantially increase students' enjoyment, comfort and ability to nurture relationships with peers.
- The cafeteria is now known as the Bluehawk Café.
- A team led by Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman worked on the project for nearly a year, brainstorming possibilities, improvements, and more—always with students first and foremost in mind.
- The multifaceted project was paid for by unallocated food service funds.

