

# Superintendent's Quarterly Report

*March 2022*

## Greetings Hamilton R-2 Families,

Students and staff members are well into the third quarter at this time and spring is right around the corner. The quarter will be ending on March 10th and there will be no school on March 11th or March 14th. Winter sports have ended, and track, baseball and golf practices have begun.

It is an exciting time at Hamilton R-2 as we are in a position to place a NO TAX INCREASE bond issue on the April 5, 2022 ballot. The bond issue is titled Proposition C.A.R.E., Community Action Reinvesting in Education. If this bond issue passes, it will provide the district with a source of funds to build an eight-lane all-weather track and to improve the current high school with much needed new construction and updates. To find out more about the bond, please go to our district website, [www.hamilton.k12.mo.us](http://www.hamilton.k12.mo.us) and click on the "April 5th Bond" link on the top banner or give me a call. Please vote on April 5th!

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind families of some great ways to stay connected to Hamilton R-2 School District through social media. High School Principal, Mr. Tim Schieber, provides updates on Twitter; you can follow him @PenneyPrincipal. Our Middle School Principal and Athletic Director, Mr. Rick Ross, posts to two Facebook groups; Hamilton Athletics/ Home of the Hornets and Hamilton Middle School. Mrs. Ashley Ford, our elementary principal, posts updates to the Facebook group, Hamilton Elementary PTO. New this year, we have a district Facebook page, Hamilton R-2 School District, where you can find great school related information as well.

Middle School and High School student activities have kept everyone busy this quarter. Hamilton Middle School was well represented at the Caldwell County Spelling Bee on February 16th where Anne Stradley qualified as first runner-up and Ellie Wattenbarger was named the Caldwell County Spelling Bee Champion. We had two high school students place at the State Wrestling Championships on February 19th; freshman, Alex Martin, placed 4th and junior, Fisher Nixdorf, placed 5th. Varsity basketball came to an end with the varsity girls losing to Carrollton in district competition on February 19th and the varsity boys lost to Milan in the district semi-final game. The new scoreboards for the softball field and the baseball field have been installed and are ready for summer ball and the first Penney High baseball season. Our academic teams are in the middle of their seasonal competition. The Drama Club is preparing for a production titled, "Nightmare High School" that will take place on April 22nd and 23rd. Our juniors are preparing for Prom which is scheduled for April 9th.

Third quarter kicked off at Hamilton Elementary with a celebration of the newest members of the Honey Bee and Buzz Club. Students were rewarded with an intense game of dodgeball with Mrs. Yuille and Mrs. Ford. Math and Science night was well attended by students and parents. Students were able to display their 100th Day projects along with their math and science activities. The PTO Father-Daughter dance was a big hit. A mother-son bowling event is planned by the PTO at the Hamilton Bowling Alley on March 5th and is sure to be fun. HES held a fundraiser last fall and students who sold more than 20 items were able to attend a field trip to Arrowhead stadium today.

Next week, March 6th-12th, is School Board Appreciation Week. Hamilton R-2 School District Board members include; Jessi Green, Will Railsback, Jerry Cook, John Ohlberg, Jaclyn Ford, Jason McTheeney, and Jared McGinley. If you see these individuals out and about, please join me in thanking them for their dedication to ensuring that Hamilton R-2 School District is a great place learn.

Thank you again for your continuous support of the school district. If I can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to call me at 816-583-2134.

Sincerely,

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