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*“Change can be scary, but you know what’s scarier? Allowing fear to stop you from Growing, Evolving, and Progressing.”*

— **Mandy Hale**

Dear IHSNO Community,

Thank you to those who participated in the survey about the needs of students as IHSNO moves to a 1:1 technology device for all students. Based on the participants, the results overwhelmingly speak to the need for individual tools, daily instruction and interactions with teachers, and consistent contact with the academic counselors. We will make sure all students have a laptop computer for their use during school and away from school. Also, we are seeking ways to ensure students have ongoing and consistent internet connectivity. The [link](#) brings you the results of the [survey](#) for you to view and explore. Should neither link above work copy and paste this link in your web browser: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/8e633d9a5e4361a27cf4e50169d2598d>

IHSNO is beginning the reopening stages for the school building. This initial step is to help employees get back into the building that we can start planning for the next school year. The office staff will be available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The building will remain closed to visitor as precautionary measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

During the summer, contractors will be replacing the roof and repairing the basement. This additional activity on the school grounds will hamper parking and access to the building. The work is expected to be finished in August upon students return to school.

We will begin working with our teachers and staff to discuss ways that IHSNO can better support our Black, Latinx, and other underserved students who have experienced racism and bias. We are committed to engaging in forward-facing conversations to gain better insights and continuously work to build a safe and supportive environment for our students. We do not accept racism, bias, and intolerance of others as it is our diversity that makes us a better community and society. We will be inviting all parents and other interested parties an opportunity to participate in monthly conversations to increase the capacity of each us to build a better future for our children.

I look forward to listening and talking with you soon.

Sincerely,



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*“Education must not simply teach work – it must teach life.”*  
**W. E. B. Du Bois**