



Haskell Public Schools

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Dear Haskell Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break with your children. I know returning to school with testing looming and other events always signals a busy season in the school year. The immediate question we are all confronting at this moment is the coming work stoppage scheduled throughout the state on April second.

In lieu of action on the part of the state legislature this week, our staff is prepared to fight for appropriate funding of our schools and teacher pay. School funding is a key topic in this work stoppage that I think you as parents of schoolchildren and taxpayers need to aware. For five plus years, the State of Oklahoma has not provided funds for the adoption of textbooks, technology, or other operating costs. In fact, schools across the state have had their budget cut at the beginning and during the middle of the school year each of the last few years.

Why will there be a work stoppage?

1. Restore school funding to 2008 levels, which includes dedicated textbook funding.
2. Increase teacher pay.
3. Increase pay of support staff.

At this time there will be no school on April 2nd, you will be notified each day as to if the work stoppage is over in the same manner as we do inclement weather (phone, facebook, news etc.). While this work stoppage is in progress several of the churches in town have offered to provide lunch to our students. Attached is a form that we need filled out and returned by Thursday March 29th so that the churches can make sure to have enough lunches available. Please have your students study and refresh information they have learned so that they will be ready for testing. They can check the school website and their teacher's webpages to find helpful links and information. Also, keep them reading during this break! Reading will grow them, and give you some quiet time.

Upon our return our late start Wednesdays will end. We will make up our time by having a normal school day. If the work stoppage extend for a period longer than a week, we will make appropriate adjustment to our school calendar to make up that time. If you have any questions please contact the administration.

Thank you for your support!

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