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Welcome to the Class of 2030

We begin to welcome the newest members of our Port Huron Schools family this week at Kindergarten Round Up events. The “Round Ups” all take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the following locations and dates. Additional details are available on our district website: www.phasd.us.

- March 21 - Cleveland Elementary
- March 28 - Garfield, Indian Woods, Kimball, Roosevelt and Thomas Edison Elementary Schools
- March 29 - Crull, Keewhadin, Michigamme, Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools

If a family is unable to attend their neighborhood school's round up, please attend either another school's event or visit our district administration office at your convenience to register your child.

This year we are especially excited to welcome our new students and families as they will be the first to enroll in the district we envisioned when we first designed the 2016 bond. We are currently constructing the district of the future and they will be the first to reap the full benefits of technology devices for each student, enhanced safety and security at each of our buildings, student-focused learning environments and innovative learning spaces that are state of the art, allowing project based learning to prepare students for success at the next level. Numerous other pieces of the district of the future, essential to modern education, await next year's kindergarteners! We are excited that these families and students will begin their education journey with us, the team at Port Huron Schools.

I can say this with confidence and pride: never before in the history of Port Huron Schools has our district been able to offer so much opportunity to students.

Enrolling in kindergarten today ensures students have a 13 year experience in our district with options for personalized and locally facilitated online learning, numerous Advanced Placement course offerings at the high school level, and an abundance of K-12 performing arts, athletics, and musical extracurricular options accessed in the newest, most modern learning environments in the entire region.

Port Huron Schools is building our legacy and prestige as an organization one student at a time. It is our goal to start our relationships with families at the kindergarten level and maintain them through graduation with a Port Huron Schools Diploma.

Prestige is a critical element we are working on as an organization. We want parents to be proud of and have an emotional connection to making the choice to send their child to Port Huron Schools. Parents should believe there are good things to come in our district within the entire K-12 experience. My emphasis with staff has been that programming, facilities, opportunities, customer service and a healthy culture will attract and retain relationships built on high prestige with students and parents. Excellence in all of the above mentioned areas is

required to achieve prestige for our district. My promise to the community is that we are working very diligently, together, every day to achieve this goal. I have the utmost confidence in our staff across all employee groups who work tirelessly for our students on a daily basis. They are key to our success!

Each individual student is the measure of our potential. Each student that leaves our district as a graduate possesses a diploma with the integrity of a Port Huron Schools education. That should be a source of pride and associated with excellence. When I began as Superintendent in 2014, the leadership developed the district's vision as: "The Port Huron Area School District will provide a personalized, world-class education for each student today to shape tomorrow's community and global leaders." Our organization has alumni who are leading in industries and as professionals all over the world. That is what we have built with the resources available to us in the past. The possibilities of what lies ahead are endless for our students and their success.

On behalf of our organization, I would like to welcome our incoming students to the next exciting chapter of Port Huron Schools! It's going to be a great journey.