



# District Update

News and Information for School District 197 Families

## News for July 16, 2020

### PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Construction is progressing quickly at Henry Sibley High School. We love the new entrance! More photos from our other buildings coming soon.



### SCHOOL DISTRICT 197 OPERATION 2020: FALL SURVEY

[Click HERE for Survey](#)

#### Last Chance: Fill Out the Fall Survey Today!

During the week of July 27, Governor Tim Walz, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) will announce the plan that all Minnesota schools will follow this fall. The three possible scenarios are:

- All students return in-person to school buildings
- Students attend school in a "hybrid" model, which staggers student schedules to reduce the number of students who are in a school at any one time
- Students learn via distance learning

Please complete this 5-minute survey by **5 p.m. on Friday, July 17**. Your responses to this survey are essential to School District 197's planning processes. Your feedback will help ensure students and staff have healthy learning and working environments

As the needs of students vary from student to student and across grade levels, please complete one survey for each child you have attending School District 197. We understand that completing one survey per student requires additional time for many families. As the information on each individual student is important to our planning efforts, we truly appreciate your support and understanding as we plan for fall.

### School District 197 OPERATION FALL 2020: BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLANNING

We know families have a lot of questions about the start of school this fall. As we wait for a decision from Governor Tim Walz, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), we are providing the following timeline so you know what you can expect from the school district and schools.

#### During the Week of July 27

##### A Decision About How the School Year Will Open This Fall

During the week of July 27, the state will announce how students will be returning to school this fall (in-person learning, distance learning, or a hybrid of both that will reduce the number of students in school at any one time). When the decision is announced, we will communicate it out to our families along with any details we have at that point. Note: District staff members are actively planning for all three scenarios. Once the announcement is made, we will need additional time to finalize all of the details.

#### Starting the Week of August 3

##### Breakfast & Lunch

Each option for returning to school this fall will result in a different way in which schools will deliver breakfast and lunch to students. Look for more information coming soon.

##### Childcare

Depending upon the selected option, the district will provide childcare before, during and/or after school. Space will be limited. Priority will be given to Tier 1 critical sector workers and School District 197 staff.

##### Safety Protocols

From building cleaning to mask guidelines and hand sanitizing stations, the district will provide information to families about what we are doing to minimize the transmission of COVID-19.

##### Schedule

If the state announces a hybrid schedule (a mix of in-school and distance learning), the district will provide you with detailed information about your child's schedule. A fully distance alternative will be available.

##### Technology

Once a decision is made regarding how students will return to school, we will communicate with families about devices, Internet connectivity, and more.

##### Transportation

We need ALL families who intend to have their children ride the bus to and/or from school register no later than Friday, August 7. Registration information/links are at [www.isd197.org](http://www.isd197.org) (click on "Recent News" on the right side).

We know this is a challenging time for our families. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we plan the best learning opportunities for your child(ren) within the guidelines provided by the state of Minnesota.

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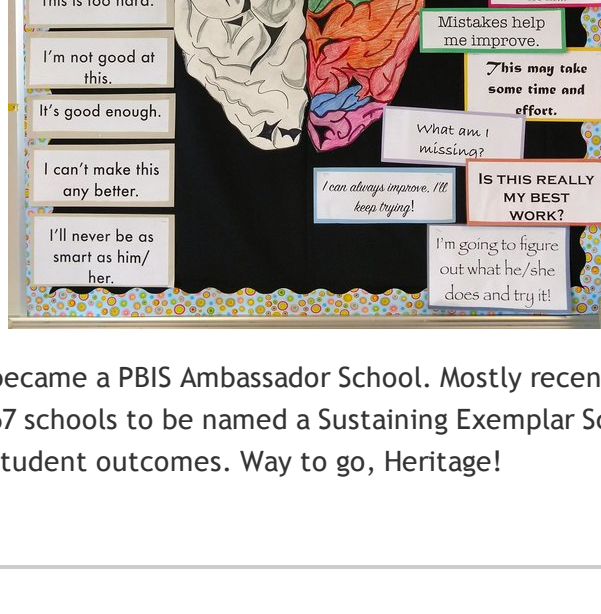
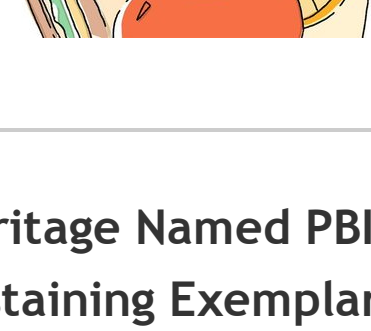


#### Help Us Spread the Word: Enroll Today

Do you know someone who needs to enroll for the 2020-21 school year? Maybe someone who is new to your neighborhood? Encourage them to visit our website or contact enrollment coordinator Andreanna Sontoya, enrollment coordinator, at [enrollment@isd197.org](mailto:enrollment@isd197.org) or 651-403-7030.

#### Pandemic EBT Program

If you have kids ages 5-18, you may be eligible for programs that help you buy food. You can apply for and use programs like #PEBT while keeping a safe distance from other people. Apply today: [www.mn.pebt.org](http://www.mn.pebt.org). The deadline to apply for P-EBT is July 31.



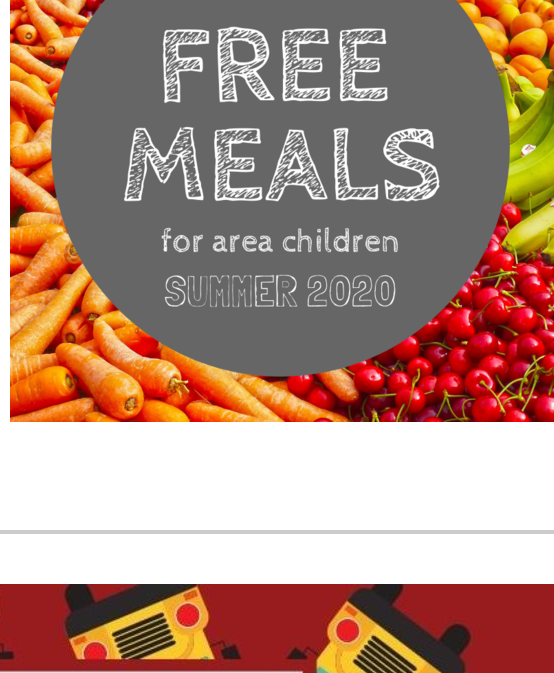
#### Heritage Named PBIS Sustaining Exemplar School

Heritage Environmental-STEM Middle School has been recognized by the Minnesota Department of Education for its continued success in implementing Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS), a school-wide approach to positive behavior management. In 2017, the school was named a Minnesota PBIS Exemplar School and, in 2018,

became a PBIS Ambassador School. Mostly recently, Heritage has been named 1 of only 67 schools to be named a Sustaining Exemplar School for continuing to achieve positive student outcomes. Way to go, Heritage!

#### Summer Meals for Students

The school district summer lunch program is still going! We are offering breakfast and lunch (packaged as a unit) for curbside pick up from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Garlough Environmental Magnet School (1740 Charlton Street in West St. Paul) and Moreland Arts & Health Sciences Magnet (217 West Moreland Avenue in West St. Paul) until August 21, Monday-Friday.





## NOW HIRING

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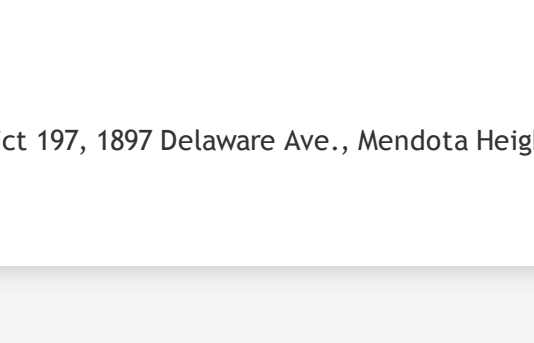
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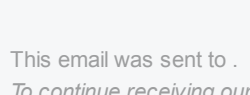
Apply Online at [www.isd197.org](http://www.isd197.org) or call (651)403-8320

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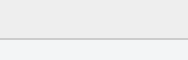
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