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School Opens

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 8:25 a.m. middle school and high school students will begin their first day of classes and students in grades K-5 will have scheduled parent conferences. Grades K-5 will not begin classes until Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

Crosswalk for Walkers

We ask all students who walk to school to use the following crosswalks: students who live on the north end of town should cross at Ruthie's Restaurant; students who walk from the south end of town should cross by the cafe on the north side of Lake Avenue and Highway 169, opposite the Masonic Hall. Other crosswalks have been painted on 678th Street (County Road 74) to aid students crossing there. All crosswalks lead to the school walkway. **PARENTS, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO USE THE WALKWAY, NOT THE ROAD PAST THE OLD SCHOOL.** The traffic on that road from people driving to and from school, as well as buses coming to school, make it hazardous for your children to walk there.

Help us keep our children safe!

Transportation

The bus schedule will be published in the September Newsletter, which will be mailed at the end of August. If you are new to the area or have moved since the last school year, please contact the school office at 697-2394 to inform us of the change.

School Hours

8:25 a.m. to 3:06 p.m. for students

New Student/Parent Information

If you are new to our school district, please come in any time in August prior to Monday, August 11, 2014 from 8 - 10 a.m. to register your student(s) and fill out the necessary forms, to obtain transcripts, and take care of other items needed to start the school year or call the school office at (218) 697-2394, ext. 100. This is very important so your son or daughter is ready for the opening day of school.

Lunch/Breakfast Application Form and Information

Information and an application for our food service program is contained on page 9-12 in this Newsletter, but can also be found on parent portal.

**LUNCH AND BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED
THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

General Information Continued...

School Closing/Emergency Information

The safety and health of all students is our first concern. When an emergency occurs (fire, tornado, etc.) students and faculty will be retained at school until the emergency is over. Buses will not be dispatched unless authorized by the Superintendent because they might interfere with emergency vehicles. For this same reason, parents are requested **NOT TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENTS**. All safety precautions will be taken. During bad weather (ice, snow, etc.) the radio stations RADIO USA 99.9 FM, KOZY 1320 AM; WTBX 94 FM; and KMFY 97 FM will be notified the night before or in the morning before 6:30 a.m. and a message will be sent out on our **alert system**. If you do not receive the alerts, you may contact Patty Sawdey at 697-2394, ext. 104. If school is closed during the school day, the radio stations are notified and announcements are made immediately. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL OFFICIALS OR THE RADIO STATIONS!**

Each student will be verifying Emergency Information we have on file, during the first week of school, so please make sure you check the emergency information so we will have accurate information for the alert system. This will give both the school and your child information as to where he/she should go if school is closed, or who to contact in the event of any type of emergency. Call the school office if you have any questions.

School Visitors Policy

You have an “open invitation” to visit our school at any time. We ask that you “sign in” at the main office as you arrive, as state and district policy require. Visitors will then be given a visitors identification pass, and assisted in finding their destination. Come and visit us whenever possible. We welcome you and encourage your support and involvement.

Lockers and Locks

Lockers will be assigned the first day of school to students in grades 4-12. All students in grades 6-12 will be given a lock to use on their locker and we encourage them to use them, as school and personal materials and belongings in a student’s locker are the responsibility of the student. Locks from home are not permitted on school lockers.

Calendars

A school calendar for this year is contained on page 4 in this Newsletter. Please **save** for future reference.

Student/Parent Handbooks

Handbooks are available for all students and will be given out the first day of school. Please review this with your student. Additional copies are available in the office.

K-12 Breakfast/Lunch

Hill City School will be offering breakfast to all students in Grades K-12. Students may eat breakfast when arriving at school or getting off the bus. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 a.m. until 8:26 a.m. Prices for breakfast for this school year are contained in this newsletter.

There will be “NO” charging of food, so please make sure your child(ren) have money for breakfast and/or lunch on the first day of school.

If you have any questions concerning food service, please contact Shawn Kingsley at 697-2394, ext. 112.

IMPORTANT

Independent School District No. 2 encourages ALL families, regardless of income, to fill out the Application for Educational Benefits form which is included in this newsletter or can be found on parent portal. If you qualify, the school district receives additional educational funds and discounts which reinforces programs such as Title One (help with math and reading). The information you provide is completely private and confidential. Please contact Shawn Kingsley at ext. 112, if you have questions.

2014/2015 Annual Census

The State Law mandates that all school districts have an accurate school census of children between the ages of 0 and 4 years of age, living within the district. The Census Form on the lower portion of this page should be filled out for ALL FAMILIES with children between the ages of 0 to 4 living in School District No. 2. Completed forms may be sent to Independent School District No. 2, Attn: Sandy Rasmussen, 500 Lone Ave., Hill City, MN 55748. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy in the School Office at 697-2394, ext. 100.

Name of Living Parents or Guardian:

(Last) (First) (Mf) (Mailing Address) (Phone)

Father

Mother

Guardian

First	Names of Children Oldest to Youngest		Sex M F	Place of Birth	Date of Birth			Birth Verification	Attendance Status		Special Needs	
	Middle	Last			Mo	Day	Yr		Gr. Last Yr	Out of School	Yes	No



2014-2015 School Calendar

ISD 2 - Hill City School
 ISD 118 - Northland Community Schools
 ISD 316 - Greenway Public Schools
 ISD 317 - Deer River Schools
 ISD 318 - Grand Rapids Area Schools
 ISD 319 - Nashwauk-Keewatin Schools
 ISD 698 - Floodwood School



ISD #2 HILL CITY SCHOOL

		Ext
District Office	697-2394	100
Transportation (Nor-tran)	246-3434	
Maintenance	697-2394	108
Community Education	697-2394	172
Counselor	697-2394	110
Food & Nutrition	697-2394	112
Athletic Director	697-2394	107
Early Childhood Offices	697-2394	171
Early Childhood Classroom	697-2394	177
Library	697-2394	160
Nurse	697-2394	102

WEBSITE:

www.hillcity.k12.mn.us

School Day Schedule:

Start	Dismiss
8:25 AM	3:06 PM

August

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

September

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

October

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

November

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

December

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

January

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

February

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

March

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

April

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

June

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

- First / Last Day of School
- Holiday / No School
- End of Quarter
- Teacher Workshop/No School

	Student Days	*Teacher Days
Qtr 1:	42	45
Qtr 2:	41	43
Qtr 3:	40 E/41 S	43
Qtr 4:	47	49
	170 E/171 S	180

No school for elementary on Feb. 13 due to conferences during the day

Graduation: May 28, 2014

Students in Grades K-5

Students in grades K-5 should arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 a.m. unless they are planning to eat breakfast or need to go to the office. In that event, they can arrive at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Upon arrival at 8:15, they should go directly to their classroom. Students in grades K-5 will have individual conferences scheduled with their teacher on the first day of school. **Please do not send your child(ren) in grades K-5 to school on the bus the first day of school.** We look forward to meeting students, along with their parents, at their conference. If you have any questions, please call us at (218) 697-2394.

Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school. Parents, please enclose your child's lunch/breakfast money in an envelope, clearly marked with the child's name, grade and what the money is for. Complete information on the food service program is contained in this Newsletter.

Parents of KINDERGARTEN Students

Hill City School is pleased to offer summer transition sessions for your child entering kindergarten this fall. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to become familiar with, and feel comfortable in the kindergarten classroom. Kindergarten Transition Sessions will be held later in August in the Kindergarten Room. Letters regarding these sessions will be sent out to each family as to the specific dates and times, so if you do not receive a letter during the first week of August and you have a student that will be entering kindergarten, please call the school office at 218-697-2394, ext. 100.

We have found that children who attend these kindergarten transition sessions are far more comfortable the first days of school because they are familiar with the environment, the teacher, and the routines. We strongly recommend your child attend one or both of these sessions.

Kindergarten Information

Hill City kindergarten students will once again attend school every day for full days. Parents are reminded to furnish their child's birth certificate and immunization record if they have not already done so.

Students in Kindergarten have an opportunity to participate in a special milk program designed for students in Kindergarten. The fee for the year-long milk program is \$20.00. The School District requests that parents/guardians pay the \$20.00 separate from their lunch/breakfast money as this is a different program. Please label your envelope "Kindergarten Milk" and send to school with your child on the first day of school.

If you have any questions regarding this milk program, please call Shawn Kingsley at (218) 697-2394 x 112.

School Supplies

There is a school supply list on the school website at www.hillcity.k12.mn.us, hover over "Parents," then scroll down to School Supply Lists. Then look at the column for the grade of your child(ren) for those supplies that are marked as required.

There will be some school supplies at the school on September 2 when parents are scheduled for conferences, that will be available for you to take for the students, due to donations to the school.

High School Students

All students in Grades 6-12 will meet in the gymnasium at 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, for a general meeting. Following that, students will meet with their own classes and advisors in class meetings. Policies and procedures will be explained and other necessary items taken care of at the beginning of the new school year.

Middle School and Secondary School Supplies

There will be some school supplies at the school on the first day of school that will be available for students to take, due to donations to the school.

- Tennis shoes for gym (Grades 7-10)
- Paper
- Pencils and Pens
- Ruler
- Folders for papers, assignments, etc.

Seventh and eighth grade students should look on the school website at www.hillcity.k12.mn.us, hover over "Parents," then scroll down to School Supply Lists. There is a list of supplies needed on the far right. Other individual teachers may have specific supply requests for their classes, and will notify the students of those requirements during the first days of school.

Football Season Begins

Practice will begin on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. for all prospective football players in grades 7-12.

Athletic Physicals

All students are required to have physicals before they can participate in sports at Hill City High School. Ideally these physicals should be done in 7th and 10th grade or every three years. Forms are on the School's website or in the office. You can check on parent portal to see the date of your last physical on file. Check with your coaches if you have any questions or concerns.

Parent/Student Meeting

There will be an important parent/student meeting, for all those playing sports, on Tuesday, August 12th. Collection of paperwork and fees will start at 6:00 p.m. for students playing volleyball and football. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Activity Handbook and sports forms can be printed off the school website at <http://www.hillcity.k12.mn.us> or you can stop into the school office to pick up the forms.

Volleyball Season Begins

Attention all students in grades 6-12 interested in participating in volleyball for the 2014-2015 season, the first day of volleyball practice is Monday, August 11, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Athletic Calendar

Watch for the September Newsletter for an athletic calendar.

Fall sports will begin soon. Individuals participating in sports should read the following policy governing athletic fees and equipment protection deposit. In addition, all athletes are required to have a sport physical every three years. Please call the school to verify sport physical dates.

Policy Governing Athletic Fee and Equipment Protection

Fees will be required for participation in the following athletics:

Boys Football	Girls Basketball
Girls Volleyball	Boys Baseball
Boys Basketball	Girls Softball

*No athlete may participate in practice or contest until all financial obligations are fulfilled.

7th/8th grade	-	<u>\$35.00 per sport</u>
7th/8th grade	-	equipment down payment (to be reimbursed when all equipment is handed in) <u>\$25.00</u>

**** Please write separate checks for the sport fee and the equipment deposit.**

9th - 12th grade	-	<u>\$45.00 per sport</u>
9th - 12th grade	-	equipment down payment (to be reimbursed when all equipment is handed in) <u>\$100.00</u>

**** Please write separate checks for the sport fee and the equipment deposit.**

* Participation fee payments will have a family cap of \$150.00/year.

* All checks for equipment down payment would not be cashed unless a student intentionally destroys their uniform or the uniform is lost/stolen.

** (No family cap on equipment)

* Equipment down payment checks will be returned to the athlete if all materials are handed in.

* *Please Note:* If the cost of the damaged or lost/stolen uniform/equipment exceeds the uniform down payment, the athlete and the parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional payments needed to replace it.

* ISD #002 administration will follow the policy governing student fee collection in the event of lost, stolen or abuse fine that are not paid in full.

Adopted by the Board of Education July 23, 2001.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM 2014-2015

On July 28, 2014, the Hill City Board of Education set lunch and breakfast prices for the 2014-2015 school year. Prices will be as follows:

BREAKFAST:		LUNCH:	
Reduced	\$0.00	Reduced	\$0.00
K	\$0.00	K	\$1.95
1-5	\$1.40	1-5	\$1.95
6-12	\$1.50	6-12	\$2.15
Adults	\$1.90	Adults	\$3.50
Extra Serving	\$1.00	Extra Serving	\$1.50
Extra Milk	\$0.55	Extra Milk	\$0.55

IMPORTANT: Lactose-reduced milk will be provided upon written request of a parent and/or physician.

For those families whose income falls within the guidelines set by the Federal Lunch Program and Breakfast program, an application form and informational letter is included with this Newsletter or you can use the on-line application on Parent Portal by going to the School's Website at www.hillcity.k12.mn.us and hover over Parents.

The Hill City School currently uses Campus Food Service System. This system is integrated with our current Campus Student Software.

Food Service Account Info

1. Each student is assigned a PIN number.
2. There is **individual** student accounts instead of family accounts.
3. Parents are able to view account balances on line via Parent Portal.
4. Students may make deposits to their account in the school cafeteria or pay on-line on parent portal.
5. Every deposit **must** have the students name and account number on it.
6. Families with more than one child in the district only need to send one check per family and it will be divided evenly between the number of student accounts you have unless you note otherwise.
7. Families are encouraged to bring enough money for a weeks worth of meals and in the elementary, also include money needed for milk breaks that are offered daily.
8. Each time a student has a meal, the food service program will deduct the amount of the meal directly from their account.
9. Students enter their PIN# each meal and also when they purchase ala carte items.
10. Parents will be able to limit the number of ala cart items their child can purchase per day. A student will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items if they have a negative balance.
11. There is **no** charging of food within the food service department.
12. All existing balances will transfer to the next school year.
13. Low balance notices will be mailed to you.
14. Credit cards are not accepted at this time.
15. This system will give us better ease to note students with food allergies.

Students in grades K-5 will again have a milk break each day. If you wish to have your child participate in this break, or be able to have an extra milk with his/her lunch at noon, please be sure to send \$5.50 for 10 milks, or \$.55 per day. One milk is provided for with lunch, but any extra milk must be paid for. Lactose-reduced milk will be provided upon written request of a parent and/or physician. Send these requests to Shawn Kingsley, Food Service at Hill City School.

NOTE: A special milk program will be available for KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY for milk break. One carton of milk per day will be available to kindergarten students for milk break at a reduced rate. The fee for this year-long program is \$20.00. Please send this payment with your Kindergarten student on the **first day** of school and **please also keep this payment separate from any lunch/breakfast money.**

Although we encourage students to eat the entire lunch being served, Hill City School has adopted the "Offer vs. Serve" policy for students in grades K-12, which allows a child to refuse one or two items which would not be eaten and which would end up in the garbage can. Parents, you can help by encouraging your child to try a small portion of a new or unfamiliar food, and by going over the menu with your child to help him/her decide what to eat each day.

Students in grades 6-12 will be able to sign up for pizza as your main meal. A sign-up sheet will be available in the cafeteria until 9:00 a.m. each day. Juice is offered for sale each day, and other items will be added after the opening of school. The salad bar will be served daily.

Please complete the application form found in this Newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible or use the on-line application on Parent Portal. This will enable us to have your child's meal account prepared on the first day of school. If you have any questions regarding the lunch or breakfast programs, please call Shawn Kingsley at the Hill City School, 697-2394 extension 112.

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
500 IONE AVENUE
HILL CITY, MN 55748**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs are free for grade K, \$1.40 for grades 1-5 and \$1.50 for grades 6-12; lunch costs \$1.95 for grades K-5 and \$2.15 for grades 6-12.

Your children may qualify for free meals. New this year:

- Students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will receive free lunches and breakfasts.
- All kindergarten students qualify for free breakfasts.

To apply for free school meals, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions or log on to Parent Portal for the on-line application. To log on to Parent Portal, go to www.hillcity.k12.mn.us, hover over "Parents" and choose "Parent Portal". A new application must be submitted each year. If you don't qualify now, you may apply at any time during the school year. Your application also helps our school qualify for education funds and discounts.

Return your completed paper Application for Educational Benefits to:

**Attn: Shawn Kingsley
ISD #2
500 Ione Avenue
Hill City, MN 55748**

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Also, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

Do foster children qualify for free meals? Yes, foster children who are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. Complete an application identifying the children who are in foster care.

I get WIC. Can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free meals. Please fill out an application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free meals.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

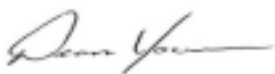
What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.

How will the information I provide be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. See the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits for more information about how the information is used.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

If you have other questions or need help, call (218) 697-2394 or (800) 232-2394.

Sincerely,



Dean Yocum, Superintendent/Principal

Instructions for Completing the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the *Application for Educational Benefits* form for school year 2014-15 if any of the following apply to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the *Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)*, or the *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)*, or the *Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)*, or
- One or more children in the household are foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child), or
- Total household income (gross earnings, not take-home pay) is within these guidelines.

Maximum Total Income

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	21,590	1,800	900	831	416
2	29,101	2,426	1,213	1,120	560
3	36,612	3,051	1,525	1,409	705
4	44,123	3,677	1,839	1,698	849
5	51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
6	59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427
Additional	7,511	626	313	289	145

Children and Foster Status

- List all children in the household in Section 2. Check the box if a child is in foster care.
- Include any regular income, for example SSI, to children other than foster children. Do not list occasional earnings like babysitting.

Case Number Complete Section 3 if any household member currently participates in one of the programs listed in that section. If Section 3 is completed, skip Section 4 (adult names and incomes)

Adults / Incomes In section 4, list all adult household members, whether related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). Include an adult who is temporarily away, such as a student away at college. Do not complete Section 4 if a case number was provided in Section 3, or if the application is for foster children only.

For each adult household member, list their gross incomes (not take-home pay) and how often each income is received. For example write in "W" for weekly income or "BW" for bi-weekly (every two weeks).

- List gross incomes before deductions
- For farm/self-employment income only, list net income after subtracting business expenses.
- If an income varies, list the amount usually received. Include overtime if it is usually received.
- Examples of "other income" to include in the last column are farm/self-employment, Veterans benefits and disability benefits.
- Check the "No Income" column after a person's name if they have no income.

Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, combat pay or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, FDPIR or Military Privatized Housing Initiative.

Signature The form must be signed by an adult household member in section 5.

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number The person signing the application must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number in Section 6. The Social Security number is not needed if a qualifying case number is provided in Section 3, or all children in the household who need school meal benefits are foster children, or the person signing the application does not have a Social Security number and has indicated this in Section 5.

Application for Educational Benefits

School Meal Benefits • School Year 2014-15 • State and Federally Funded Programs

- Check here if this is the first application at this school district or nonpublic school for any child listed below
- Names of all Children in Household Including Foster Children. Attach additional page if necessary.

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth Month/Day/Year	Grade	School	✓ if Foster Child*	Any Regular Income to Child Example: SSI	3. Benefits (if applicable) If any household member receives benefits from a program listed below, write in the name of the person and case number, check the appropriate box, and skip Section 4
		/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFI) <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) <input type="checkbox"/> Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations * Medical Assistance and WIC do not qualify.
		/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	Name _____ Case Number _____
		/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	
		/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	
		/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	

* Child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court. If all children applied for are foster children, skip Sections 3 and 4

4. Names of all Adults in Household (all household members not listed in Section 2) and **Incomes**

Include all adults living in your household related or not. Write in each gross income and how often it is received weekly (W) bi-weekly (every other week) (BW), twice per month (TM), monthly (M). Do not write in hourly pay. If income fluctuates, write in the amount normally received. Attach additional page if necessary.

Last Name	First Name	✓ if NO Income	Gross Wages: Salaries—all jobs (before deductions)	Pension, SSI, Retirement, Social Security	Public Assistance, Child Support Alimony	Unemployment, Worker's Comp, Strike Benefits	Any Other Income, including net Farm/ Self-Employment
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per	\$ per

5. If your children are approved for school meal benefits, this information may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs to identify children who are eligible for Minnesota health insurance programs. Leave the box blank to allow sharing of information. Do not share information for this purpose

6. I certify (promise) that all information furnished on this application is true and correct, that all household members and incomes are reported, that application is made for school meal benefits paid for with federal funds, that the school may receive state funds based on the information on the application, that school officials may verify the information on the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal criminal statutes.

Signature of Adult Household Member (required) _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
 Social Security number - last 4 digits (required if Section 4 is completed) * * * * * GR I don't have a Social Security number
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

<p>Office Use Only</p> <p>Total Household Size _____ Total Income: \$ _____ per _____ Approved (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Case Number - Free <input type="checkbox"/> Foster - Free <input type="checkbox"/> Income - Free <input type="checkbox"/> Income - Reduced-Price Denied: <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/> Income Too High <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Date: _____ Signature - Determining Official: _____ Reason: _____ Change Status To: _____ Reason: _____</p>	<p>Office Use Only</p> <p>Date Verification Sent _____ Response Due: 2nd Notice _____ Result <input type="checkbox"/> No Change <input type="checkbox"/> Free to Reduced-Price <input type="checkbox"/> Free to Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced-Price to Free <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced-Price to Paid Reason for Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Case number not verified <input type="checkbox"/> Foster not verified <input type="checkbox"/> Refused Cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Signature - Verifying Official: _____ Date: _____ Signature - Confirming Official: _____ Date: _____</p>
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Privacy Act Statement / How Information Is Used

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give this information but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free school meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the Social Security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a number for the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security number.

We will use your information to determine if your child qualifies for free school meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Children who qualify for free school meals may qualify for Minnesota Health Care Programs. Your child's status for school meals may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs unless you tell us not to share your information by checking the box in Section 5 of the application. You are not required to share information for this purpose and your decision will not affect approval for school meal benefits.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to the Minnesota Department of Education as required by state law. The Minnesota Department of Education uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs; (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools; and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

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Children's Ethnic and Racial Identity (Optional)

Please provide the following information which is used to determine the school's compliance with civil rights laws. If the information is left blank, a representative of the school is required to identify the ethnic and racial identity of participants for civil rights reporting.

1. Choose one ethnicity.
 Hispanic/Latino
 Not Hispanic/Latino
2. Choose one or more races (regardless of ethnicity):
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 White

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Tom Fasteland, Jessica Lathrop, and Mark Meyer. Board Members absent: Brent Welk, Sue Kaslow, and Martha Lentz. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, and Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill.

Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum and Business Manager Ellie Hill updated and reviewed the Board on the following items:

1. Changes to the 2013-2014 budget.
2. Proposed 2014-2015 budget and changes to the 2013-2014 school year.
3. Proposed Capital, Technology, and Supply budget proposals.
4. Updated the Board on the new Location Optional Levy and its tax impact.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Tom Fasteland, Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, and Brent Welk. Board Members absent: Jessica Lathrop and Mark Meyer. Jessica Lathrop arrived at 7:11 p.m. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, and Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2014;
 - *April 2014 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 05/08 and 05/13/14;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;

*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;

*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.

3. No comments or requests from visitors.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: No report.
6. Student Council: Student Council voted to give a scholarship of \$500.00 to a graduating senior. They also voted to go together with the HC Club to purchase a new portable sound system not to exceed \$2,000.00.
7. System Accountability Committee: None to report.
8. School and Community Health Committee: None to report.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: None to report.
10. Negotiation Committee: Approved the Amendment to the 2011-2014 Superintendent/Principal Contract.
11. Approved the 2014-2017 Superintendent/Principal Contract.
12. Approved the 2013-2015 Business Manager Contract.
13. Approved the 2013-2015 Maintenance Supervisor Contract.
14. Transportation was discussed and there is a need to meet with Nor-Tran to clarify special education transportation language. Approved to open the special education transportation portion of the transportation contract for clarification.
15. Community Education Programmer Jessica Lathrop reported Little League and baton have started.
16. Maintenance Supervisor report: Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill reported that things are going smoothly. Discussion was held on the budget pertaining to repairs.
17. Approved facility and capital projects.
18. Superintendent/Principal Yocum stated that IASC is winding down for the summer. The Senior Class trip went well.
19. No action was taken on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
20. No action was taken on the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary Teacher.
21. The summer MSBA Seminar is August 3-4, 2014.
22. Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum will attend the superintendent's finance meeting at ARCC.
23. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Complete Minutes of the above Board Meeting and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Tom Fasteland, Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, and Jessica Lathrop. Board Members absent: Brent Welk and Mark Meyer. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, and Kathy Carroll.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Board Workshop of May 21, 2014;
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2014;
 - *May 2014 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 06/09/14;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Kathy Carroll reported on Early Childhood. Classes will remain the same for four year olds at five times per week and three year olds at two times per week. Early Childhood has also received a grant of \$25,000.00.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum reported that he has not heard back from Nor-Tran on their contract. Kim Arnold received an award for Transportation Specialist from the State Bus Association.
6. Student Council: None to report.
7. System Accountability Committee: No meeting.
8. School and Community Health Committee: No meeting.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: No meeting.
10. Negotiation Committee: Approved the 2013-2015 Nurse Contract.
11. Discussion was held on the Technology Coordinator contract.
12. Community Education Programmer Jessica Lathrop reported that Community Education received \$1,400.00 from Lake Country Power in their Round-Up Program for benches for the disc golf.
13. Maintenance Supervisor report: Maintenance

Supervisor Eric Hill reported that some of the summer projects have been completed already and the rest are progressing.

14. Superintendent/Principal Yocum reported that IASC hired Rod Bibeau as technology coordinator.
15. Discussion was held on Early Out Wednesdays: school would be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. for professional development. This will be further discussed at the July Board meeting.
16. Accepted the resignation of Josh Hirschey and to post for his position.
17. Accepted the resignation of Bambi Lange as Early Childhood Special Ed paraprofessional and to post for this position.
18. Approved the Special Education contract with ISD #317 - Deer River.
19. Awarded the bid for the Weight Room Equipment to Keith Caverly in the amount of \$453.00.
20. Approved an increase in time for Brian Burman from 50% to 67% FTE for the 2014-2015 school year.
21. First reading of Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition Policy.
22. Approved the bid form for milk and the quote forms for bread, garbage hauling, propane and snowplowing for the 2014-2015 school year along with the list of names of firms desiring to submit quotes for these services.
23. Adopted the Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy.
24. Approved the 2014-2015 Specific Services Contract with ARCC.
25. Approved the MREA dues for the 2014-2015 school year.
26. Set the athletic rates for the 2014-2015 school year: Adult Yearly Pass (up to age 62) - \$35.00; Senior Citizen Single Yearly Pass (age 62 and up) - \$15.00; Senior Citizen Couple Yearly Pass (age 62 and up) - \$25.00; College Student/Student Yearly Pass - \$25.00; Family Yearly Pass - \$60.00; Adult Ticket (up to age 62) - \$5.00; Senior Citizen Ticket (age 62 and up) - \$3.00; College Student/Student - \$3.00.
27. Approved the Revised 2013-2014 Budget.
28. Approved the 2014-2015 Budget.
29. The summer MSBA Seminar is August 3-4, 2014.
30. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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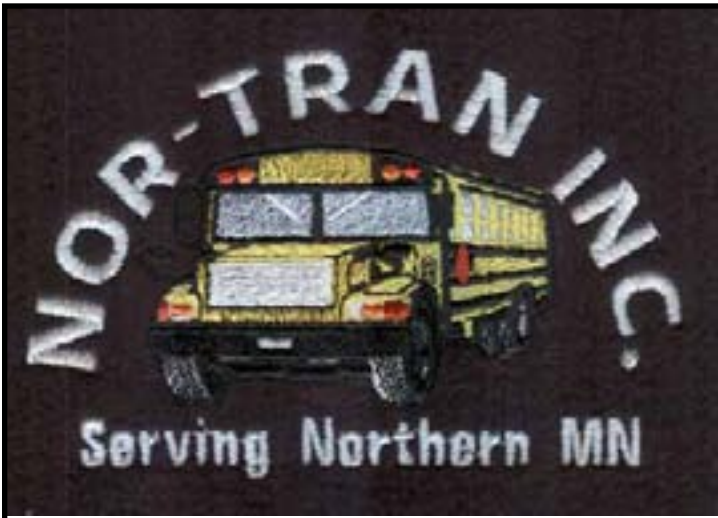
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Fourth Quarter 2013-2014

Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 9	Grade 8	Grade 7
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4:00 - 7:00 PM
Hill City School

Visit the classrooms! Meet the teachers!
 Everyone is welcome!

Elementary Volleyball
 Starting in September

Watch + Listen for Updates on first Practice
 Fee: \$5.00

Name _____

Grade _____

Contact Information:

Home Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission to
 participate in Elementary Volleyball.

 Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Return this form, with fee made payable to
 Hill City Community Education on the first
 night of Practice.

For assistance with class fees or questions
 concerning this class, please contact Jessica

Hill City Community Education at
 697-2394 Ext. 172 or jlathrop@hillCity.k12.mn.us

Pony League Football

4-6th Grade

FEE: \$5.00

(made payable to Hill City Community Education)

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Contact information:

Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission
 to participate in Pony League Football.



 Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Please bring registration form, fee and physical
 exam form to the first practice (in August)

Listen for updates about first night of Practice!!

Questions about league or fees please contact

Hill City Community Education at

697-2394 X172

Attention!

Anyone who does not live within the bulk mailing area for our school district and who does not have a current student attending school in our district will no longer be receiving the

Community Newsletter in the mail.

You may go to our school website

www.hillcity.k12.mn.us

under the *community* link to view newsletters online. Thank you for your understanding.

Sports Ticket Prices



Yearly passes for athletic events may be purchased from Sandy Rasmusson in the school office. **Season Passes will not be sold at the door!!** Prices for the 2014-2015 school year are as follows:

Family Pass	\$60.00
College/Student Pass	\$25.00
Adult Pass (up to age 62)	\$35.00
Senior Citizen (age 62+)	\$15.00
Senior Citizen Couple	\$25.00

Single Ticket Prices

Adult (up to age 62)	\$ 5.00
Senior Citizen (age 62+)	\$ 3.00
Student	\$ 3.00