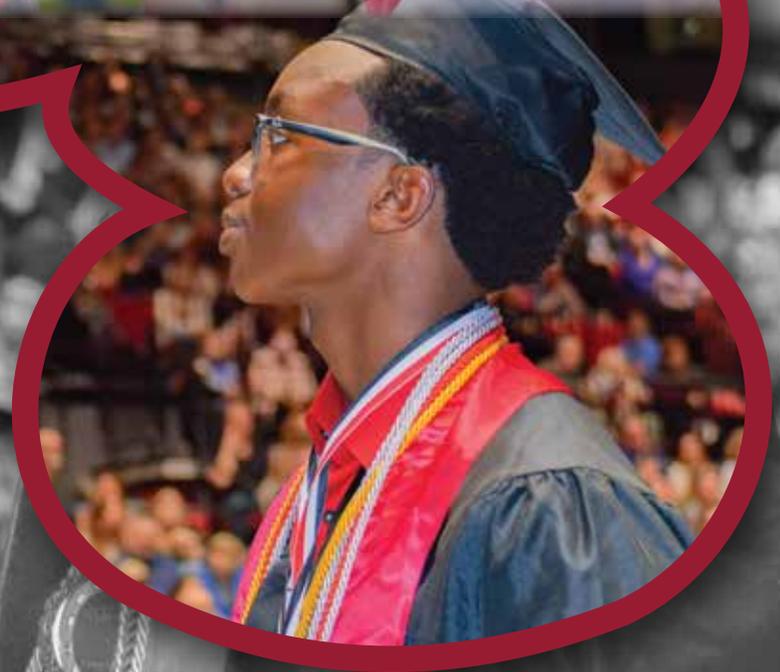


# HUNTLEY

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# Meet the Board



**Tony Quagliano**

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Mr. Quagliano was elected in 2007 and his term expires in Spring 2025.



**Kevin Gentry**

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Mr. Gentry was elected in 2007 and his term expires in Spring 2023.



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Mr. Troy was elected in 2010 and his term expires in Spring 2025.



**Sean Cratty**

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Mr. Cratty was elected in 2021 and his term expires in Spring 2025.



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Mr. Geheren was elected in 2011 and his term expires in Spring 2023.



**Jonathan Dailey**

*Board Member*

Mr. Dailey was appointed to a vacant seat on December 1, 2022.



**Melissa Maiorino**

*Board Member*

Mrs. Maiorino was elected in 2019 and her term expires in Spring 2023.

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## HUNTLEY 158 AWARDED 2021 **BEST TOP PLACES TO WORK** IN EDUCATION

Thank you for voting Huntley 158 one of McHenry County's *2021 Best Top Places to Work* through the Northwest Herald's Readers' Choice Awards!



**Want to work with us?**

Visit [huntley158.org](http://huntley158.org) to learn more about all of our employment opportunities!

# A Message From Our Superintendent

As I reflect on the 2021-2022 school year and the collection of achievements you will see in this year's Annual Report, I am proud of our district's resilience and continued commitment to innovative learning opportunities from kindergarten on. The tangible successes of our students and staff, coupled with strong partnerships in our community, serve as important reminders of our progress and purpose.



In line with our overarching vision for student success, Huntley 158 has continued to prioritize diverse academic offerings, customizable learning modalities, the mental and emotional well being of our students and equitable access to an excellent education, all while working to provide a myriad of real-world career experiences for our students.

As our society evolves, Huntley 158's mission to ensure all students are poised for success as they embark on their path after high school has led to an increased emphasis on workforce readiness among our graduates. During the 2021-22 school year, we are proud to have launched a customized Dual Degree Program at Huntley High School in partnership with McHenry County College, providing all students an opportunity to leave high school with both a diploma and an associate degree at a fraction of the cost. In addition, we are excited to offer our students the opportunity to receive one of eight College & Career Pathway Endorsements, as approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. These endorsements in the fields of agriculture, business services, health sciences, information technology, manufacturing and the trades give our students and families an even greater chance to make the most of their exploration during high school.

This year also saw our district's continued commitment to operational efficiency and sustainability. Through the installation of solar energy and green transportation options, including propane buses and the addition of four grant-funded electric buses, Huntley 158 continues to find ways to save taxpayer dollars and allocate them to fund teaching and learning in our classrooms.

With outstanding faculty and families as our partners in education, we are able to continue to elevate our educational practices driven by a shared goal of creating compassionate citizens and lifelong learners. As always, I thank all of our stakeholders for your support of our mission to serve *All Students Always* in Huntley 158.

Sincerely,

Scott N. Rowe, Ed.D.



## HUNTLEY 158 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS 2020-2025

**ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE PREPARED TO ACHIEVE THEIR LIFELONG GOALS**

**MISSION: OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY WILL INSPIRE, CHALLENGE AND EMPOWER ALL STUDENTS ALWAYS**

**ALL STUDENTS LEARN IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE SAFE, SECURE & SUPPORTIVE**

**THE DISTRICT REMAINS SUSTAINABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS & THE COMMUNITY**

# College & Career Readiness



## Huntley High School Launches Dual Degree Program with McHenry County College

Huntley 158 and McHenry County College (MCC) have partnered to launch a new Dual Degree program for Huntley High School (HHS) students. The program gives HHS students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and an associate of arts degree at the same time. The first cohort of Dual Degree students began the course sequence in summer 2022 before the start of their junior year. For the final two years of high school, their classes will include a combination of HHS internal courses, dual credit courses taught at HHS, courses taught through MCC and optional qualifying Advanced Placement® courses.

Families are able to share the cost of the program with Huntley 158 and MCC. Participating students are responsible for one-third of the cost of any classes taken through MCC, as well as books, fees and supplies for an estimated cost of \$2,000 per student. As the average cost of college in Illinois rises to nearly \$25,000 per year, Huntley 158 seeks to provide impactful and affordable post-secondary options for all students. In addition to gaining experience with college-level coursework, the Dual Degree program gives students the added financial advantage of earning many college credits at a lower cost.



\*Source: 2022 Illinois State Report Card

# Pathways of Learning



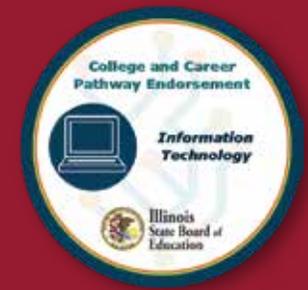
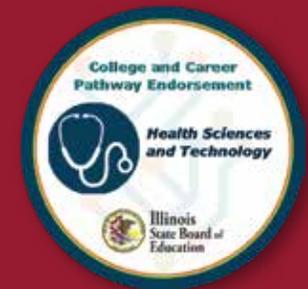
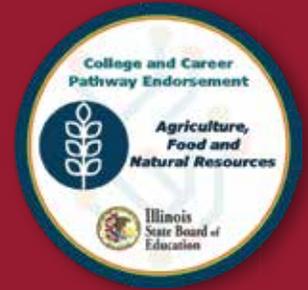
In our effort to foster lifelong learners at every grade level, Huntley 158 has worked to maintain our emphasis on personalized learning and expand course offerings for our students. Through diverse and challenging coursework, as well as a wide range of learning modalities, students in Huntley 158 are able to discover *how* they learn best. We prioritize the personalized strengths and passions of all of our students and recognize that many of our graduates will follow unique pathways upon graduation from Huntley High School. As part of our college and career readiness framework, Huntley 158



*Students in James Allen's Geometry in Construction class worked to design and build a new, fully functional dugout for the Huntley High School baseball field over the course of the school year.*

is now able to offer our students access to eight Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approved College & Career Pathway Endorsements. These prioritize career focused instruction and hands-on professional experiences through community partnerships in the areas of agriculture, business services, health sciences, information technology, manufacturing, engineering and the trades. Huntley 158 is one of just 16 districts across Illinois with graduates who have earned a College and Career Pathway Endorsement. Three Huntley High School graduates from the class of 2022 earned an endorsement in Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology & Trades or Health Science Technologies. This achievement will allow students to move onto a career path with experience, skills and specialized knowledge that truly sets them apart in their field. By continuing to respond to students' voices and evolving needs, we are confident that these modern learning opportunities and innovations will serve our students during their time in Huntley 158 and beyond.

## State-Approved College & Career Pathway Endorsements:





# Student Achievement

## LIGHT Student Wins International YES I CAN! Award

D'Andre Chapman, a student in Huntley 158's LIGHT 18-22 transition program, was awarded the 2022 YES I CAN! Award in the Arts on behalf of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Chapman was honored at the annual CEC Convention & Expo on January 20, 2022, where just 12 outstanding students worldwide were celebrated for their achievements. Chapman was selected for his work through the "Dance with D'Andre" initiative, a dance class created and taught by Chapman for fellow students and staff. The class was developed as part of Chapman's post-secondary LIGHT curriculum, which works to provide special education students with tools for career-readiness, independent living and more.



## HHS Journalism Team Takes Home Second Consecutive State Title

On April 23, 2022, Huntley High School's Journalism team won their second consecutive IHSA State Journalism Tournament, the third journalism state championship in school history. HHS students and their advisors, Dennis Brown and Lauren Teeter, traveled to Normal, Illinois to compete against other qualifying districts across the state. Five individual contestants won state championships in four events: Lauren Courtney (Yearbook Copy Writing), Nikki Darnall (Advertising), Ela Hontanasos and Karen Razal (Yearbook Theme), and Kylie Phommasack (Yearbook Layout/Design).



## Gavin Heard Recognized as Four-Event State Medalist

Gavin Heard, a Class of 2022 Huntley High School graduate was honored as a four-event state medalist after securing multiple first place finishes at the IHSA Boys Swimming and Diving State Meet. After qualifying for the state competition in four events, Heard took home first place in the Athletes with Disabilities (AWD) division for the 50 yard free, 100 yard free, 200 yard free and 100 yard breaststroke. During his time at HHS, Heard was a four-year varsity letter recipient and senior captain on the varsity boys swim team.



## HHS Student Selected as Winner of National Merit® Scholarship

During her senior year, Huntley High School student Ellie Armstrong was selected as a winner of the National Merit® National Distillers Distributors Foundation Scholarship. Armstrong was selected to receive this award out of a pool of approximately 16,000 National Merit® semifinalists nationwide. Students selected for merit scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation® (NMSC) must display an outstanding academic record throughout high school, earn strong SAT scores, and demonstrate leadership and participation in school and community activities.





# Staff Spotlight



## Dr. Belin Recognized for National Award in Washington D.C.

In Spring 2022, Huntley High School principal Dr. Marcus Belin was invited to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Trailblazing Leadership Week in Washington D.C. as the NASSP 2021 Digital Principal of the Year. Belin was invited alongside a select group of national and state award winners to participate in professional development opportunities and was given the chance to speak with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona on the White House campus. Belin was recognized for his work incorporating digital media to improve student achievement and leadership, most notably through Huntley High School's nationally recognized blended learning program.

## Heineman Teacher Shilo DeYoung Named Chicago Bears "Classroom Legend"

Shilo DeYoung, a specialized teacher and MTSS facilitator at Heineman Middle School, was named a *classroom legend* by the Chicago Bears. The Classroom Legend program, which is powered by CDW, seeks to honor exceptional teachers across the Chicagoland area. Students and staff at Heineman surprised DeYoung, who has worked in Huntley 158 for over 20 years, with this special honor. DeYoung received a grant for \$1,000 to put towards her classroom needs, and was presented with a personalized jersey and custom football from the Chicago Bears.

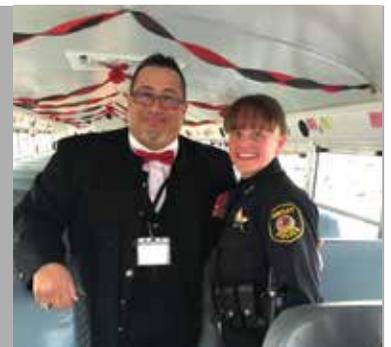


## Education Foundation Honors Distinguished Staff

The Huntley 158 Education Foundation's "Surprise Squad" honored 19 staff nominees for the Foundation's Distinguished Educator and Outstanding Employee of the Year Awards. The following staff members were nominated by fellow colleagues over the course of the year and honored at the Annual Educator and Employee of the Year banquet: Tricia Boskey, Joel Bosman, Jaime DeBlicke (*pictured left*), Shilo DeYoung, Kristie DiBella, Denise Ferris, Stacy Fisher, Amanda Henk, Kathy Michel, Angela Nawrocki, Bill Neuzil, Chris Newman, Juliann Ossler, Carey Pagnotta, Donna Rolbiecki, Therese Schwerzler, Cathy Stoesser, JaimeVillalva-Holterhaus and Karen Zeis.

## Bus Driver Al Cruz Celebrates a Night to Remember with HHS Students

On April 30, 2022, prom night was made special for Huntley High School students thanks to the creativity of one of Huntley 158's beloved bus drivers, Al Cruz. This year, in order to combat a shortage of event buses, the district relied on school buses to transport several students to and from prom. Cruz, who is in his second year working as a bus driver in Huntley 158, volunteered to spend his evening driving students to their celebration. Cruz went above and beyond to make their ride special, outfitting his school bus with decorations, lights, music and driving in his own formal wear (*Cruz pictured right with Huntley Police Department's Deputy Chief Williams*).



# Fiscal Responsibility

Huntley 158's priority is to provide our students with an excellent educational experience while maintaining fiscally responsible practices in service of our taxpayers. As part of Huntley 158's Strategic Plan, the District developed a mission to continue to drive operationally efficient practices across the district, creating a culture where everyone in the organization consciously owns and proactively leads this endeavor. This emphasis on operational efficiency, which has led to impactful and sustainable initiatives that benefit our environment and surrounding community, continues to improve the District's financial position. As a result, the District's operating cost per pupil continues to be well below the State average. Despite a relatively low tax base, Huntley 158 is also proud to provide our stakeholders with a consistently low tax rate in comparison to several benchmark districts. The District is committed to finding ways to leverage our community's tax dollars and ensure that every dollar saved can be put towards funding in our classrooms.

## 4.54

### TAX RATE (per \$100)

Despite a relatively low tax base, the District also maintains a low tax rate in comparison to benchmark districts. This unusual combination reflects our commitment to the highest degree of fiscal and operational efficiency.

#### Tax Rate vs. Benchmark Districts

Woodstock CUSD 200	5.79
Kaneland CUSD 302	5.42
Batavia USD 101	5.38
Belvidere CUSD 100	5.22
St. Charles CUSD 303	5.14
Geneva CUSD 304	4.99
Naperville CUSD 203	4.97
Indian Prairie CUSD 204	4.88
CUSD 300	4.75
<b>Huntley 158</b>	<b>4.54</b>
Barrington CUSD 220	4.34
Crystal Lake CCSD 47	3.89
CHSD 155	2.52

## \$178,797

### EAV PER STUDENT

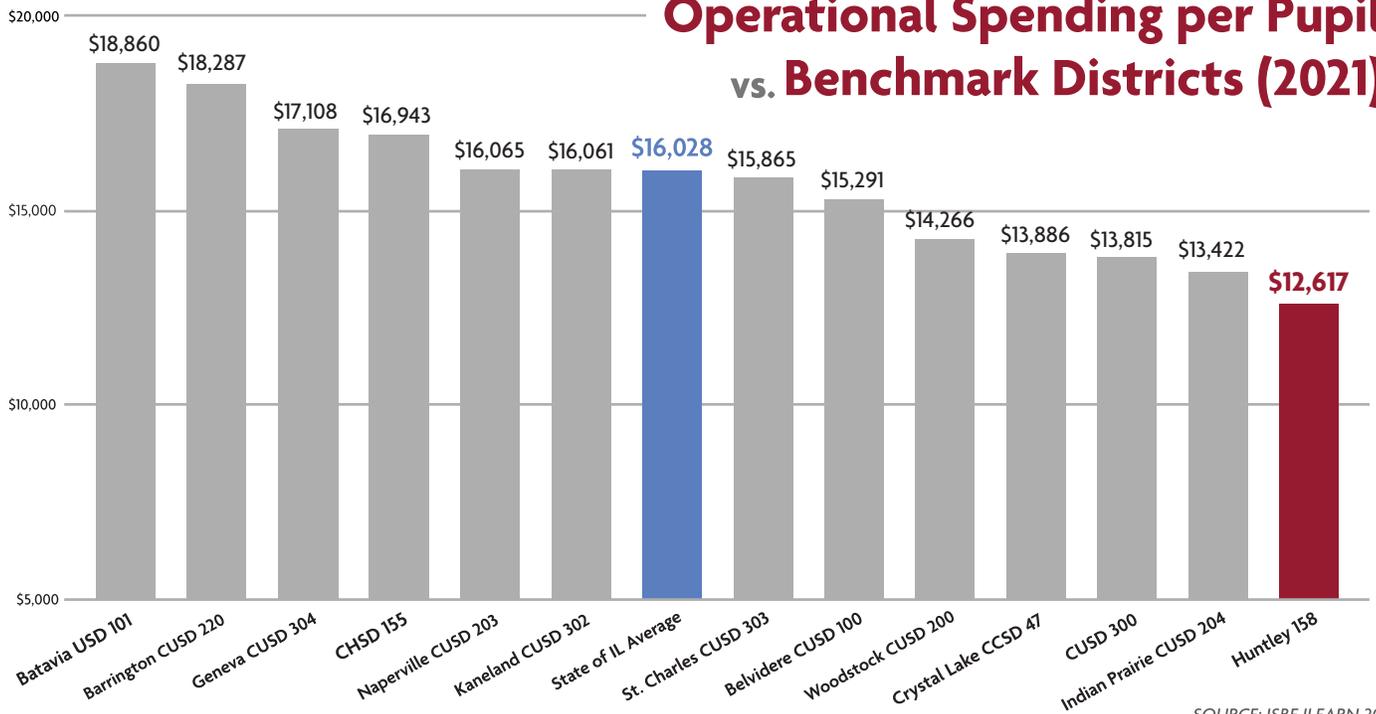
EAV per student is a measure of the property wealth on which the District may levy taxes. As indicated in the chart below, our tax base is low in comparison to benchmark districts.

#### EAV Per Student (Tax Base) vs. Benchmark Districts

CHSD 155	\$554,466.96
Barrington CUSD 220	\$384,543.28
Naperville CUSD 203	\$329,249.16
Batavia USD 101	\$324,671.67
Geneva CUSD 304	\$307,021.65
Crystal Lake CCSD 47	\$299,397.90
St. Charles CUSD 303	\$284,733.94
Kaneland CUSD 302	\$238,280.79
Indian Prairie CUSD 204	\$233,109.28
CUSD 300	\$203,089.69
<b>Huntley 158</b>	<b>\$178,796.99</b>
Woodstock CUSD 200	\$156,754.80
Belvidere CUSD 100	\$130,400.46

SOURCE: ISBE ILEARN 2021

## Operational Spending per Pupil vs. Benchmark Districts (2021)



SOURCE: ISBE ILEARN 2021

# Sustainability Efforts in Huntley 158

## Electric Buses Are On the Way

In another exciting stride forward for Huntley 158, the District has received \$1.04 million in grant funding from the Illinois EPA to purchase four electric buses. In 2021, over \$4.2 million was awarded to 15 school districts across the Chicago-land area in an effort to improve air quality in Illinois by removing old diesel engines from service. The District applied for this grant funding in order to further our green initiative and commitment to clean energy alongside the

District's 33 propane buses currently in use. Huntley 158 is excited to make strides in eco-friendly transportation and continue our efforts as the greenest district in Illinois through a wide range of operationally efficient practices.

Our Vision of Sustainability

***Every dollar saved is a dollar that can be redirected to support learning in our classrooms.***



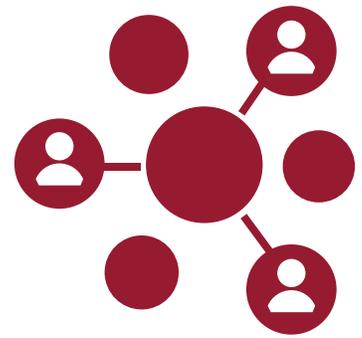
## Solar Energy Savings

Huntley 158 remains committed to our goal of operational efficiency, while also engaging in sustainable practices to benefit our community's well-being. Since 2020, when Huntley 158 flipped the switch on the largest solar arrays on school district property in Illinois, the District has saved approximately \$220,000 per year in energy costs. Over the course of our 20 year agreement with ForeFront Power, our partner in solar energy, the District is predicted to accumulate a minimum of \$4.4 million in savings. Approximately 80% of the District's energy usage comes from solar, and during less active times, the excess energy produced from the panels goes back to the grid. In total, the project has offset some 12.3 million pounds of carbon emissions annually.

# \$464,400

*Approximate total savings since the installation of solar panels in 2020*

# Connections in the **Community**



## **RAD Hosts Monthly Community Events**

The goals of Recognizing American Diversity (RAD), an initiative designed by Huntley 158 staff, are to recognize, celebrate and discover diverse perspectives and identities in the Huntley 158 community that have historically been under-represented. Over the course of the 2021-22 school year, RAD organized seven monthly community events celebrating LatinX heritage, individuals with disabilities, Native American culture, Black History Month, Women's History Month, LGBTQ+ allyship, as well as Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage. RAD also offered the school community a chance to learn more about these diverse groups at their own pace through a curated calendar of resources on the district website.

## **Dual Language Students Give Back to Community**

As part of Huntley 158's Dual Language program, fourth grade students in Jennifer Gallien's class at Martin Elementary School completed a service project to collect socks for the McHenry County PADS homeless shelter. The "Socks for Care" project was part of students' work to understand the value of empathy, kindness and community service in a global setting. Students discussed the impact of economic poverty and charitable efforts in their surrounding community. Donations made by students, staff and families were provided to community members in need across the Huntley and greater McHenry County area.



## **Marlowe Students Partner with WaterStep to Bring Clean Water to Village in Uganda**

The social studies department at Marlowe Middle School partnered with WaterStep, a charitable organization that provides communities in need with access to safe drinking water, to install a new water pump in the Atiri village in Uganda. As part of students' independent research projects to learn about and become a "changemaker" in the community, students in Ryan Starnes and Amy Ehmen's classes collected over 200 pairs of gently used shoes to be reused or recycled and raise money for the cause. As a result, the newly installed pump is now able to provide over 1,000 people in Uganda with access to clean drinking water (*WaterStep representative Lucy Westlake pictured left in Uganda*).



# Meet the Cover Designer: Allison Simons

## GET TO KNOW ALLISON, HUNTLEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Hi there! My name is Allison Simons and I am a lifelong resident of Huntley as well as a Huntley 158 alum. During my time at Huntley High School, I was a part of the varsity tennis team, varsity orchestra, National Honors Society, Link Crew and was a Silver Cord recipient. I am now a recent graduate of Ball State University located in Muncie, Indiana. I earned a bachelor of arts degree in graphic arts management along with multiple minors in business administration, marketing and Spanish. At Ball State University, I was the president of my dance team, *Rhythms Dance Troupe*, and served as the co-director of productions for Ball State's *Dance Marathon* fundraiser.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, finding new coffee shops to try, going boating in the summer and skiing in the winter.

This past summer, I recently accepted a position as the junior graphic designer at Divine Design and Marketing. I am so grateful for the opportunity that Huntley 158 has given me in allowing me to design the cover of the 2021-2022 Annual Report and expand on my graphic design skills.



## HUNTLEY 158 ALUMNI: SHARE YOUR Destination <sup>158</sup>

Calling all Huntley 158 alumni! Are you interested in connecting with us? Huntley 158 continues to leverage our relationships with community partners, industry representatives and successful graduates, and we're looking for YOU to help build our network. If you are a graduate of Huntley 158 schools and would like to be a part of our alumni network, scan the QR code and share your destination with us. You'll be added to our alumni mailing list for important district updates and opportunities to connect. We seek to offer alumni a rich network of fellow graduates and a meaningful connection to our schools. Join our network today!





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## NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

### AHERA Compliance

In accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), we are notifying you that Huntley 158 is in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). All Huntley 158 schools and the administrative offices are asbestos free to the best knowledge of all parties involved in the construction of these facilities. To see a copy of the management plan or if you have questions, please contact **Doug Renkosik, Director of Operations and Maintenance** at (847) 659-6161 or at [drenkosik@district158.org](mailto:drenkosik@district158.org).

### Lawn Care & Pest Control Product Applications

As required by School Code, notification of scheduled application of pesticide, herbicide, and/or fertilizer products must be made to interested community members, parents and staff prior to applications and in the event of a cancellation of a scheduled application. If you would like to receive notice of product applications, please send an email to [superintendent@district158.org](mailto:superintendent@district158.org) with "Product Applications" in the subject line.

### Virtual Bulletin Board

As a means to electronically distribute information about activities and programs from outside non-profit organizations and governmental agencies (Park District, Library, etc.) to interested families and community members, Huntley 158 offers an email notification for all posting made to the Virtual Bulletin Board. If you would like to receive notice of posting made to the Virtual Bulletin Board, please visit [www.huntley158.org/vbb](http://www.huntley158.org/vbb) and click on "Email Signup".

## STUDENT HELPLINE

Huntley 158 has developed and launched a brand new Student Helpline for all students and parents to report instances of bullying, mental health concerns and unsafe situations in schools. The platform, which was customized in partnership with SmartSocial, allows for two-way communication between staff and students via text messaging.

The resource was created in an effort to modernize and improve communication surrounding student safety, while providing students with an accessible and easy way to get in touch with a trusted staff member in their building.



## STAY CONNECTED



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