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## Do You Know Our Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan?

Our school district has a clear direction outlined in our long term strategic plan. The plan includes our district's vision and mission.

Read our strategic plan online. Then stop by one or both of our schools' office to ask for a tour to see what is happening in our classrooms. It is very important for all community members to know how your

tax payer dollars are being spent. Amazing things are happening every day just down the road from your home.

**COME CHECK US OUT !!**

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# The Hanover Buzz

October, 2017

## Learning in Hanover School District—Modernize

Students from preschool all the way to senior year in high school are learning in many ways with what the district has. Learning could be even more modern if teachers had more up to date instructional materials and technology.

For example, high school



science anymore includes the work with virtual reality technology. Understanding how to program and identifying ways virtual reality can improve the ability to work in real life is very important.

The science lab can come to greater life with the ability to experiment with different chemicals, dissect a variety of animals, better understand molecular construction and use virtual reality to explore anatomy and mechanics.

The social studies classroom can better place students in the time of historical events to see how people dressed, understand the living conditions of different eras in our history, stand on the landmark battlefields and watch historical figures speak.

If every student from preschool through grade twelve had an electronic device they can use interact programs to increase excitement for learning, do research on the internet, communicate with one another, write coding, and construct written papers. All of these and more from their own desk or home.

Our staff does the best they can with what they have to teach our students. Imagine how much more our students could learn and experience if our staff and students could use the latest technology and instructional materials for learning. Every child would be that much more prepared for a job or college.

Help to our district to better prepare our students for life.

## Career and Technical Education Grant Awarded

Hanover School District has been awarded grant funds for the first time in many years through the federal, Perkins Grant. The grant was written to begin the implementation of trades in the middle and high school grades. Specifically, begin to build the wood working, solar and electric programs.

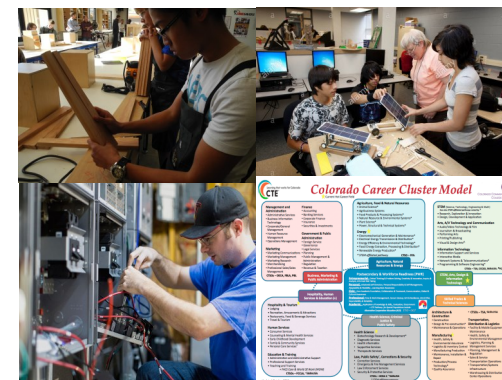
For this school year the grant funds will purchase a bank of computers and software that will be used by the three programs in the future.

The wood working equipment purchase years ago for the high school is in need of upgrading in order to meet current code. For example, auto shutoff capability should a finger or hand be hit by the blade. An exhaust system is required in the designated space for these three programs.

The grant funds will also allow for staff to be

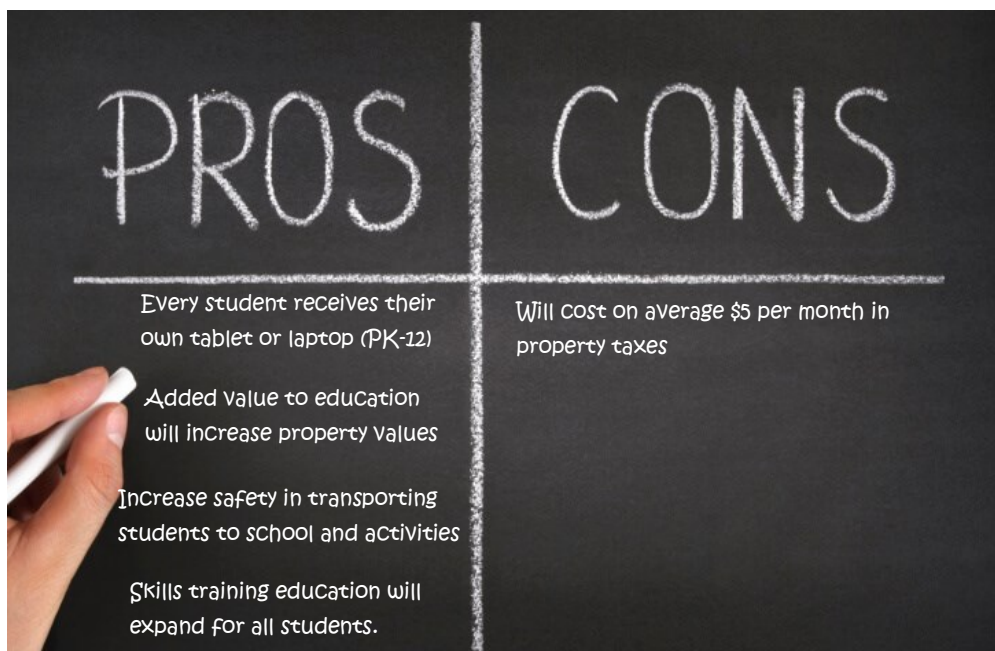
trained in order to be CTE Certified to teach the necessary courses.

Each year the district will apply for the Perkins Grant funds to help build the wood working, solar and electrical programs.



### 3F: School District Mill Levy Override on Ballot

Hanover School District will have a ballot item on the November election for a mill levy override. There are pro's and con's to the override. If you have any questions contact any School Board member.



### Upcoming School and District Events

#### October

- 2 MS Football v. Cripple Creek-Victor @JSHS 4pm  
HS Matchwits@ ECA 5:30pm
- 3 HS Volleyball v Fountain Valley (JV&V) @JSHS 5pm  
Meet the Board Candidates Night @ PHE 6pm
- 4 Academic Night @ PHE 6:00pm
- 5 HS Football v. CSDB @JSHS 4pm  
Volleyball @ Kiowa (MS & HS) 5pm
- 6 No School (Fall Break)
- 9 MS Football @ Elbert 4pm
- 10 Volleyball v. PPCS (MS-A, HS) @JSHS 4:30pm
- 13 Volleyball @ Primero (HS) 4pm  
Football @ Primero 7pm
- 14 Volleyball v. Edison (MS & HS) @JSHS 4pm
- 18 Board Meeting @ JSHS 6:30pm
- 21 MS Volleyball (Conference Tourney) @Elbert TBD  
Football v. North Park @JSHS 1pm  
Volleyball v. North Park @JSHS 4pm
- 24 Volleyball District Tourney (HS) TBD
- 25 First day for MS Basketball Practice
- 27 Fall Festival @ PHE 6pm
- 28 Volleyball Districts Tourney (HS) TBD  
Football Crossover Playoffs TBD

#### November

- 2 Fall Sports Banquet (MS & HS) @JSHS 6pm  
Winter Sports Parents/Coaches Meeting @ JSHS 8:30pm



### Proposed Solar Farm Won't Bring In Tax Dollars

A 900-acres solar farm is working through the permitting process. The solar farm is being built by Tradewind Energy. During their presentation to the community they presented the property taxes to be generated for fire, metro, library and school district. But don't be misled.

The way Colorado funds schools is the balance between local property taxes and funding from the state. Each year the state determines, through a formula, how much funding each school district should receive based on the number of students enrolled. The state then subtracts out the amount of local property taxes for education. The state then pays the district the difference.

So when the solar farm states the property taxes for the school district will be approximately \$160,000 that money is not going to the school district. Rather, it is going to the state. Then the

state share of what is owed to the school district actually goes down.

For the 2017-18 school year the total amount the school district is to receive from the state is \$3,020,814. The local property taxes collected is approximately \$289,128. The estimate for taxes collected from license plate renewals in our school district boundaries (called specific ownership tax or SOT) is \$85,000. So the state then subtracts out the local property tax and SOT resulting in only sending the district \$2,646,689.

So the \$160,000 additional property tax for the school district actually saves the state. Using the above numbers the state would only have to send the district \$2,486,689.

The Mill Levy Override taxes are extra funds that the state cannot touch. It all stays only with the school district.

### Visit Webpage Weekly for Updated Information

On a near daily, for sure weekly, basis the Hanover School District webpage is updated with new information. Make it a habit to check the webpage daily or weekly. [www.hanoverhornets.org](http://www.hanoverhornets.org)

Currently you will see information on a staff member who was recognized by El Paso County Sheriff, a

student who was a Rotary Champion, the Jr/Sr High School received an award, the monthly Golden Apple winners, explanation videos on some how and why topics, the May Board meeting agenda and packet, a link to watch the Board meeting live on your computer, and dates of upcoming events. **Stay Informed !!**

### Meet the Board Candidates Nights Recorded

These two nights were recorded for the community to view before casting your vote. Go to: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). In the top box enter: [Hanover School District 28](http://www.hanoverschool.org). Finally, click on each of the two videos to watch.

Each candidate responded in writing to a couple of key questions. Their responses can be found on the Hanover School District 28 website: [www.hanoverhornets.org](http://www.hanoverhornets.org).

### Board Meeting Broadcast

All Hanover School District 28 Board Meetings are broadcast **LIVE** on our YouTube Channel. Our channel name is [Hanover School District 28](http://www.hanoverschool.org). If you miss a meeting you can go to the channel and see the recording. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm. The long web address is:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3N9QXh5pUnX7HEZ\\_dJYVcQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3N9QXh5pUnX7HEZ_dJYVcQ)

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