Dear Hines Families,

I am both honored and thrilled to introduce myself as the new building principal of Hines Primary School for the 2020-2021 school year. I have been a part of Peoria Public Schools since 2005 as a classroom teacher and most recently as an assistant principal. I am beyond excited to join the Hines community, of which I have only heard amazing things!

Even though we are in the midst of uncertain times right now due to the global pandemic, one thing remains steadfast and true: the amazing staff remains dedicated to providing Hines students with an excellent education and will rise to any challenge they may be faced with! We will continue to work hard to provide your child with the best educational opportunities, collaborate with all stakeholders, and build positive relationships with everyone in the Hines school community. Thank you for your positive support that you are providing as well.

Due to COVID-19, most students will be on a Blended Virtual A/B Learning Schedule. Students’ temperatures will be checked each day when they arrive at school. Students must bring hand sanitizer to school and must wear a face mask while in school and on the school bus.

During these uncertain times, it is extremely important that we stay connected. Communication to our families will be essential. Please make sure you have all your current contact information including address, phone number, and email updated on your student’s account in Skyward. Please make sure you are checking our website often and listening to all ParentLink calls. Certain aspects of the 2020-2021 school year may be subject to change due to the effects of COVID-19. Rest assured, if any changes happen, we will keep you informed and updated on those changes.

Please take note of activities that will be coming up soon:

**Kindergarten Welcome Day**
- **Tuesday, August 18, 2020 from 10:00 – 12:00**
  - All Kindergarten students and their parents will be invited to the school to take a tour, meet their teacher, and begin to settle into their new classrooms!

**Unpack your Back Pack**
- **Tuesday, August 18, 2020 from 5:00-6:00PM**
  - All students and their families are invited to:
    - Find out what class your child is assigned
    - Meet and greet the teacher and administration
    - “Unpack Your Backpack” – drop off supplies and find your desk or area in the classroom
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Wednesday, August 19, 2020 (This will be a FULL school day – 9:30-2 p.m.)

ATTENDANCE/SCHOOL HOURS

- It is important for your child to be at school every day and on-time unless they are sick.
- SCHOOL HOURS – School begins at 9:30 AM and dismisses at 3 PM.
  - Hines’ doors open at 9:15AM for students to enter the building.
  - Please do not drop your students off before 9:15AM.
  - There is not student supervision until 8:15AM each morning.

I truly am humbled and honored to call Hines my home and to be part of such an amazing staff and community. I look forward to embarking on this new journey together! Please check our website and Peoria Public Schools website often for the most current and up to date information about school for the fall.

Respectfully,

Marcia D Lough

Principal of Hines Primary School

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller