



HAMILTON ALTERNATIVE ACADEMY

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A Better & United Alternative

6/28/2017

Dear Parents and Students,

On June 30, 2017, the Hamilton Alternative Academy [HAA] will close, and its staff will unite with Hamilton Local School District [HLSD] to provide a coordinated, quality alternative program for more Hamilton Township High School students.

In response to low enrollment at HAA, and in order to allow HLSD to unite our efforts, the district will no longer sponsor HAA beyond the 2016-2017 academic year. The Hamilton Alternative Academy will cease its operation on June 30, 2017.

This decision to end the sponsorship has been reached by mutual agreement between HLSD, HAA, and both governing boards. Sponsoring the Hamilton Alternative Academy was an astute decision at the school's inception, and Hamilton Local is satisfied with the school's results, staff, and director.

It is Hamilton Local's firm belief that we can better meet students' college and career readiness needs by combining the experience and talents of the former HAA staff with the Hamilton Local teachers, intervention specialists, and counselors. Our design aims to satisfy the needs of a greater number of students and ensure a consistent, high-quality experience for everyone. This will allow us to provide more personalized educational opportunities and work experiences for all HTHS students.

It has truly been a pleasure supporting HAA students, parents, community, and staff in my role as director over the past 10 years. I will have an essential role in this transition and will continue to support students from Hamilton Alternative Academy as well as others in the larger school district going forward. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or guidance you may need. I wish you all continued success!

Sincerely,

Allyson Price, Director

Hamilton Alternative Academy Closure Details

Timeline

- June 26, 2017 Notice of closure recognized at HLSD Board of Education Meeting
 - June 28, 2017 Notice of closure recognized at HAA Governing Board Meeting
 - June 28, 2017 HAA teachers and staff notified that the school is closing
 - June 30, 2017 HAA will cease operation
 - July 11, 2017 Student records delivered to HLSD by this date
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- HAA teachers and staff will fulfill their HAA obligations through June 30, 2017

- **Student records will be delivered to:**

Hamilton Local School District
775 Rathmell Road,
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614-491-8044

- **The authorizer contacts:**

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- **Enrollment Options**

Students who reside in the Hamilton Local School District must enroll in Hamilton Township High School or seek another community school, traditional school, or nonpublic school for the 2017-2018 school year.

Hamilton Local Schools
Centralized Student Registration Department
775 Rathmell Road
Columbus, OH 43207
614-491-8044 ext. 1214 – to schedule an appointment
<http://www.hamilton-local.k12.oh.us/registration.aspx>

Additional Options:

Virtual Community School of Ohio
340 Waggoner Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
614-501-9473
<https://vcslearn.org/>

Focus Learning Academy East
4480 Refugee Road
Columbus, OH 43232
614-269-0150
<http://www.focuslearn.org/east>

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