



# Holly Area Schools

*Excellence in Action!*

July 30, 2025

Dear Broncho Students, Parents, and Staff,

It is with great excitement and much anticipation that **I welcome you back for the 2025 - 2026 school year!** We are just under a month away from the first day of school!

As the proud Superintendent of Holly Area Schools, I am honored to be part of a Broncho community that is committed to providing students with a world-class education that prepares them for future success and careers.

In recent years, we have opened school celebrating several phenomenal project achievements. This Fall we will reach another incredible milestone **opening the new Holly Middle School**. You can visit a link on our website for a sneak peek. See [drone footage](#) taken the first week of July. It is important to note that so much progress has been made each day since this recording. Stay tuned as our Broncho families and community will learn more about the exciting opening of the new Holly Middle School at the Karl Richter Campus.

We also welcome two new leaders to our Broncho family. Following a thorough hiring process, we are excited to announce that **Mrs. Carrie Keech has accepted the position of Rose Pioneer Elementary Principal** and **Ms. Haley Barnes has accepted the position of Holly High School Assistant Principal**. Mrs. Keech has over 14 years of experience teaching elementary school. Most recently, she has spent the past 4 years serving as one of our district's instructional coaches leading a variety of successful curriculum initiatives. Ms. Barnes is a former teacher and recently a Dean of Student Success in the West Bloomfield School District where she has designed a variety of supportive programs. Congratulations to Mrs. Keech and Ms. Barnes!

As we begin the new school year in a few short weeks, please join me in welcoming back all our staff and students, especially new staff and new students to our wonderful school community.

I want to remind our families about our [parent outreach program](#). We value our partnership with parents and caregivers. It not only has a positive impact on student outcomes, but also supports a positive, nurturing learning environment that helps all Bronchos achieve and succeed. The first year was a great success and we cannot wait to see what's to come in the 2025 - 2026 school year.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the Broncho staff working this summer to prepare our buildings for the arrival of our teachers and students. Everyone from maintenance, custodial, technology, office staff and building administration have been laser-focused and committed to preparing for the new school year.

There has truly never been a better time to be a Broncho, and I can't wait to see our amazing Bronchos when they **return to school on Monday, August 25th**. For updates on the 25-26 calendar, please visit the [District Calendar](#) on our website. Together, we are committed to a culture of kindness, compassion, and respect in our schools.

Thank you for continuing to make Holly Area Schools a great place to learn and achieve! #BronchoPride and #BronchosUnited!

Sincerely,

Scott M. Roper

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