

**April 5, 2021**

**Dear HHS Students and Parents/Guardians:**

Thanks to the combined and exceptional efforts of many people, today was a good day for HHS. On the whole, our "second first day of school" went very well, and that's because we got strong contributions from every member of our faculty, staff and student body.

Two important updates:

- Because of the **heavy traffic at dismissal**, the Hingham Police Department has recommended that we send traffic from the close and far lots in separate directions to avoid backup. Starting tomorrow, **all traffic leaving the far lot will be asked to turn right onto Free Street**. Only one exit in that lot will be available. **Vehicles leaving the close lot will be asked to take a left towards Middle Street**. Also, vehicles that are traveling on Free Street are encouraged to use Lazelle Street heading towards South Hingham to reduce the backup on Main and Free Streets. Please plan accordingly and expect delays.
- With the elimination of student cohorts, our pooled testing program can now be administered on one day rather than two. Going forward, **pooled testing will be available on Tuesdays** (and no longer on Thursdays) for those students who have registered to participate. If you haven't yet registered but would like to do so, please click [this link](#) to sign up. We hope to boost participation in this program as much as possible.

Thanks for your cooperation and support!

**Sincerely,**

**Rick Swanson**

**Principal  
Hingham High School**