

KEY POINTS FROM DR. KREMER'S PRESENTATION

- President, Mike Strock introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Michael Kremer, District Administrator for the Hartford District.
- The Strategic Plan that HUHS staff, administration & community members have created was presented by Dr. Kremer. This committee consisted of 40 people and was discussed and formed over three days of meetings and brainstorming.
- Dr. Kremer stressed the importance of having the K-8 schools and the high school communicate information and challenges for both levels. Each grade school has a different environment and curriculum – we all need to be on the same page with expectations and requirements. It is imperative that we determine what “need” we are not meeting for students and families who are struggling.
- Dr. Kremer is working on building relationships with approximately 100 freshman students and their parents. These students were flagged as “at risk students” as freshmen due to failing one or more classes. Dr. Kremer has been interviewing these families to find out their individual stories and try to determine why these children struggle in school.
- Our school district seems to lack focus. The Mission statement of the Strategic Plan presents the high aspirations of the committee. The Vision statement explains in words what needs to be done and how it will be accomplished.
- It is imperative that parents be involved in their students learning at all levels.
- To compare HUHS with other school districts in the Milwaukee area, please refer to the website: www.publicpolicyforum.com
- Tracie Black, a SKS parent and HUHS school board member, spoke on the increase in college requirements and expectations of graduating high school seniors for acceptance into colleges. The grade schools are currently at a stand still and need to modify their expectations of children. Sadly, society’s expectations of children are increasing at a younger age.
- Dr. Kremer wants to look at changing the weight given to homework and tests/quizzes. He believes too much emphasis is currently placed on homework.
- Dr. Kremer suggested emphasizing organization, time management, and skills to complete homework would be great places to improve at the grade school level.
- Tracie Black will be the liaison for St. Kilian’s to the Hartford High School Board. Angela will be able to access information from the high school through Tracie.
- Dr. Kremer informed us that there are opportunities for our 8th graders to participate in high school level courses. There is a fee of \$180 per student per subject. It is up to the feeder grade school to determine if the parents pay this fee, or if it is part of their individual school budgets. Angela was going to get more information regarding these classes and what our students would be eligible for.