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Superintendent's Newsletter

To the Parents/Guardians of Neodesha USD #461:

What a Great Start to the school year! The 2018-2019 school year has started with a level of positivity unlike any I have ever been a part of. The teachers and staff have been excited, the students are excited, and the administration is excited! Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us as we start the school year.

During the 2018 legislative session, a law was passed requiring public and private schools to conduct a total of 16 emergency preparedness drills throughout the school. These will consist of four **(4) fire drills**, three **(3) tornado drills**, and nine **(9) crisis response drills** that shall include, but not be limited to, intruder response drills and lockdown drills.

Why redesign our schools? Listed below are the top 10 skills needed for the future:

In 2015	In 2020
1. Complex problem solving	1. Complex problem solving
2. Coordinating with others	2. Critical thinking
3. People management	3. Creativity
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5. Negotiation	5. Coordinating with others
6. Quality control	6. Emotional intelligence
7. Service orientation	7. Judgment and decision making
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9. Active listening	9. Negotiation
10. Creativity	10. Cognitive flexibility

Source: Future of Job's Report, World Economic Forum

On Tuesday, November 6, Kansans have an opportunity to help shape the public policies needed to make our communities great places to live in and raise families. **Nov. 6th is Election Day!** For those not registered to vote, October 16th is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 6th general election.

We are all interested in seeing your child have the best year ever! As a parent, you know when your child is struggling with something that may interfere with their school day. Please call the school and visit with the teacher, counselor, social worker, or principal. We are all here to help.

Thank you for supporting Neodesha USD #461! If you have any questions throughout the year, please give us a call or send us an email.

Juanita Erickson
Superintendent
Neodesha USD #461