

Friess Lake Richfield J1

September 15, 2017

Dear Parents,

It is now official! On July 1, 2018, the school districts of Friess Lake and Richfield will merge together into the Holy Hill Area School District. Over the course of this year, each School Board will continue to hold regular meetings and conduct regular business.

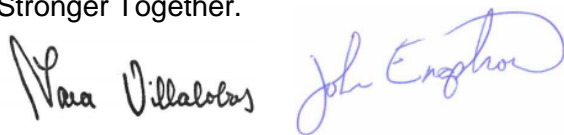
In addition, we will hold monthly joint board meetings to begin laying the foundation for the new district. There is much work to be done. Our unofficial theme throughout this process is that we will be “Stronger Together.”

It is perfectly natural to feel a sense of loss. As leaders of both districts, we recognize this, and feel it ourselves. Though we will be actively working to create a new culture and community, each of our districts will hold some individual events throughout the year to celebrate and commemorate the rich history each has enjoyed.

We are filled with a sense of excitement for the future. We will hold a number of events designed to begin the process of merging the two district communities into one. As leaders of both districts, we are fully committed to making this work, and believe that it is in the long-term best interests of the students, staff, and community. Stronger Together.

We chose each other and we chose this path. Now, we're equal partners in building a brand new district. We will look to incorporate the best of both and to improve on the best of both.

Stronger Together.



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