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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Did you know that school corporations have large textbook bills to pay? This is why we collect textbook rental and student fees.

Textbook and Student Fee Collection

Please plan ahead to pay textbook rental and fees at registration. All schools will be collecting textbook and student fees starting in August at registration. When you submit payment, we are on track to pay for materials necessary to provide a quality education. We appreciate your attention to this matter by acting promptly at each school's registration.

The Plan

As all parents/guardians are expected to pay textbook rental fees at their child's school during registration, there are three options you may choose to fulfill that expectation:

- A. payment in full of the balance due
- B. payment agreement in writing allowing payment in three (3) installments by the end of the third quarter
- C. complete an *Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals and Other Benefits*

The Law

Indiana Law requires the school corporations to purchase and rent textbooks to students. When parents/guardians do not pay bills, the law further authorizes school corporations to take legal action to collect unpaid fees from parents and to recover costs of collection. While we prefer not to use this option, we have to in order to provide the materials necessary for a quality education. School City of Hobart must pay their bills for these textbooks. The book rental plan of the School City of Hobart is based upon the underlying principle that all families will do their utmost to pay textbook rental fees because it is their legal duty to do so.

After the last day of school, all outstanding balances will be turned over to the school attorney for collection. No delinquent debt will be accepted at the schools after that date.

Families Needing Assistance

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced meals, and whose families elect to receive textbook assistance on the *Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals and Other Benefits*, will not be required to pay for textbooks. For students who qualify for State assistance, we ask that every effort be made to pay the balance for supplies and student fees, as those fees are not reimbursed to schools.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Peggy Buffington, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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