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Himeji City Board of Education Adopts note Across All Municipal Schools **Superintendent, a Former News Anchor, Shares Tips With Principals on Strengthening** **Schools' Communication**

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**姫路市教育委員会と市立学校
107校がnoteを開設**

The Himeji City Board of Education has adopted note across all municipal schools under its jurisdiction, using the "note pro Bulk Adoption Plan for Boards of Education" provided by note, Inc. Each of the city's 107 municipal schools (elementary schools, junior high schools, compulsory education schools, high schools, and special needs schools) has opened its own note account. The city's 27 municipal kindergartens will publish through the Board of Education's official note.

Starting in September, roughly 10 pilot schools have begun publishing on note one after another. The websites of all 107 schools are scheduled to move to note in stages by fiscal year 2027 (Reiwa 9).

On September 29, Superintendent Tomoko Kubota held a training session for the principals of the pilot schools, sharing her tips on how to communicate effectively on note.

note, Inc. will support the Board of Education and each school's communication efforts by providing the service free of charge and holding information sessions for schools.

Communication by the Board of Education and Each School

The Himeji City Board of Education's official note will share the "now" of education in Himeji, from the city's education policies to how children learn and the day-to-day efforts of teachers. The Board is also considering grouping articles from individual schools by theme so that readers can follow the activities of schools across the city in one place. Articles from all 27 municipal kindergartens will be published from this official note, with each kindergarten taking turns.

Himeji City Board of Education official note: <https://himejicity-edu.note.jp/>

Each school will tell the story of its daily educational activities from three perspectives that Himeji City is focusing on: "inquiry-based learning," "output (expressing what you have learned in your own words)," and "making use of ICT." By sharing everyday school life and the thinking behind it, the schools aim to create communication that resonates with parents, guardians, and the local community.

Training Session to Strengthen Schools' Communication

This training session was proposed by Superintendent Kubota herself. After working as a news anchor at TBS and as editor-in-chief of TBS NEWS DIG, she became Superintendent of the Himeji City Board of Education in April 2024 (Reiwa 6).

During the session, articles published on the Board of Education's official note were used as examples to show how the way a piece is written changes how it comes across. Superintendent Kubota gave commentary from a professional's point of view, and the second half was set aside for discussion with participants.





Here are a few articles from the schools.

"Thoughts, please reach them." (Himeji Municipal Nada Junior High School)

<https://nada-jhs.note.jp/n/nf9fe66342694>

"Summer exam students write tanka poems!" (Himeji Municipal Joken Junior High School)

<https://joken-jhs.note.jp/n/n96ec950c292d>

"How do multi-grade classes actually work?" (Himeji Municipal Yasutomi Kita Elementary School)

<https://yasutomikita-es.note.jp/n/nab1bc1795c09>

"Congratulations! Unveiling of the 150th Anniversary Monument" (Himeji Municipal Matogata Elementary School)

<https://matogata-es.note.jp/n/nf28c33a55b7d>

Comment from Tomoko Kubota, Superintendent, Himeji City Board of Education

School websites up to now have had issues such as being "hard to view on a smartphone" and "a bit cumbersome to update." And they tended to become places that only reported the outcomes of events, such as "The XX tournament was held" or "XX was decided."

What I would like to share instead is everything that leads up to those outcomes: the children's expressions, and the way teachers work through things by trial and error every day.

note is a platform that lets writers deliver their "thoughts" directly, together with photos and videos. I am confident that with note, we can bring the warmth of what happens on the ground straight to the people of our city.

To the residents of Himeji, to parents and guardians, and to everyone across Japan who supports education in Himeji: I hope you will look forward to the new note publications from Himeji City and each of our schools, and follow along with a warm "Suki (♡)" reaction!

(Excerpted from an article on the Himeji City Board of Education's note)

The full comment is available in an article in which Superintendent Kubota writes about her thoughts on this initiative.

<https://himejicity-edu.note.jp/n/nfd658e0c1b70>

Migration of School Websites

Himeji's municipal school websites will move to note in stages, running alongside the current websites during the transition. In the second term of this school year, the pilot schools will go first, and other schools will join as soon as they are ready. From the next school year onward, all municipal schools will move from their current websites to note.

note pro Bulk Adoption Plan for Boards of Education

This service allows boards of education in local governments to adopt and contract note pro for all the schools under their jurisdiction at once. With this plan, a board of education can open note pro accounts for all of its schools together, free of charge. In addition, note's education directors provide support tailored to each school's communication challenges, including how to make the most of note. Please feel free to contact us.

<Major examples of bulk adoption>

- Iwate Prefectural Board of Education: <https://iwatepref-edu.note.jp/>
- Fukushima Prefectural Board of Education: <https://fukushimapref-edu.note.jp/>
- Niigata Prefectural Board of Education: <https://niigatapref-edu.note.jp/>
- Hokkaido Board of Education: <https://hokkaidopref-edu.note.jp/>
- Wakayama Prefectural Board of Education: <https://wakayamapref-edu.note.jp/>
- Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education: <https://okinawapref-edu.note.jp/>
- Chiba Prefectural Board of Education: <https://chibapref-edu.note.jp/>
- Aomori Prefectural Board of Education: <https://aomoripref-edu.note.jp/>

*Note: Some of the local governments listed above may be using features still under development that note, Inc. provided specially under partnership agreements. Please be aware that these features are not included in the "note pro Bulk Adoption Plan for Boards of Education."

Details: <https://note.jp/n/nd634301a8390>

Contact: <https://share.hsforms.com/1IHZDRnSTRgqJJ32vf57lpQ47gua>

note's Education Support Program

Since 2020, note has supported communication by schools and students free of charge, with the aim of giving children across Japan the experience of broadening their world through creative expression.

<Eligibility> Elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, and special needs schools across Japan (public and private)

<What we provide>

- Free access to "note pro," our high-function plan for organizations, plus operational support
- "note pro Bulk Adoption Plan for Boards of Education"
- Guest lessons at schools (for schools that have adopted note or note pro)
- Partnership agreements with local governments

Details: <https://note.com/edu>

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note is a media platform where creators post text, images, audio, and videos, and users can enjoy and support that content. We value a safe atmosphere and diversity so that everyone can enjoy and continue creating. Individuals and corporations mingle, expanding opportunities to find things they like and meet interesting people. The service launched in April 2014, and approximately 82.09 million works have been created. The number of members has reached 12.48 million (as of May 2026).

- URL : <https://note.com/>
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Our mission is to "Start, and Keep on Creating," and we are building systems for expression and creation. The media platform note supports all kinds of creative activities by creators. Creators can publish their original content, receive support from fans and peers through memberships, shops and brand owners can showcase products in their stores, and corporations and organizations can use note pro to disseminate information.

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