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August 16, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington,

D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

August 16, 2018

Date of Report

(Date of earliest

event reported)

The Hershey Company

(Exact name of registrant

as specified in its

charter)

Delaware

(State or other

jurisdiction of

incorporation)

1-183

23-0691590

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's

telephone

number,

including area

code: (717)

534-4200

Not Applicable

(Former name or

former address,

if changed since

last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section "13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 16, 2018, Patricia A. Little, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of The Hershey Company (the "Company"), informed the Company of her intention to retire effective in the spring of 2019. The Company has initiated a search to identify Ms. Little's replacement.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 16, 2018, the Company reaffirmed its financial outlook for the full year ending December 31, 2018. The press release reaffirming the full-year 2018 outlook, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is hereby incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 The Hershey Company Press Release dated August 16, 2018

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

Date: August 16, 2018 By:/s/ Damien Atkins

Damien Atkins

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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