



# Brimley Area Schools

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Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. I trust you have been able to find some time to enjoy family, play some games, go outside, eat together, do some spring cleaning (NOPE), and get some extra rest. I want to thank you for all you have done to assist your children as they navigate through the schoolwork sent home over the past two weeks. Without your help, educating from afar would not be possible.

Next week is spring break! Enjoy spring break and do not do any schoolwork, unless you want to. Enjoy the week off and do something fun around the house. We will not be sending any work home for your children to do during break.

We will continue to send home meals for those who have taken advantage of this service. We will be delivering meals on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for the week of spring break. Again, if you have not taken advantage of this service and would like to, please call the central office and we will make sure to get you on the delivery list.

We will again be sending home meals the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please take this week to finish up any work from the previous school packets sent home. If your children are having problems and need assistance from their teachers, please reach out to them via email, or phone calls, if that is available to you. Teachers will also be reaching out to your children with phone calls and emails to see how their students are doing.

I have asked our teachers to report to work, using proper social distancing practices, to prepare more packets for the next few weeks. With the current rise of COVID-19 cases in Michigan, I do not see us coming back to school on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will deliver the packets with the meal delivery or mail them to you on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

We need to find out how many homes of our elementary school students have access to a computer that has camera and microphone capabilities and Internet access. Mr. Suggitt will be putting together a survey that will be posted on our website for you to share that information

with us. This information will then help guide us as we continue to navigate through this crisis. We want to provide the highest quality of education possible if we are required to continue distance learning.

I know that you are looking for more answers on how the remaining school year will play out; believe me, so are we. I wish I could give you more answers, unfortunately, I have more questions than answers. There is much that needs to be done at the state level in order for me to give you those answers. The State Legislature, Michigan Department of Education, and the Governor's Office all need to work together to create those solutions and provide the much-needed answers. I have had phone calls, teleconferences, and Zoom Meetings with each of these state players and they are listening to our concerns. When further information becomes available, I will relay that to you.

Please know that we will continue to work together for the benefit of all our students and the communities we serve. We value you as an educational partner and our continued working relationship will make us much stronger when this is all over. Again, thank you!!!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reattoir". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.  
Superintendent of Schools