



Brimley Area Schools

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RE: Weekly Update

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

As I write this letter it is sunny, although not very warm, and the snow is again melting. I was not happy to see the six inches of snow that fell the other day, but it was much less than the 20 inches the Marquette area got. If you remember correctly, it was last year at this time that we had a snowstorm that brought 26 inches of snow to the area and another snow day to contend with. So, with that, I'm not complaining too much about the six inches we got.

We have just finished our fourth week of school where we have not been able to provide face-to-face instruction to your children. This is very new territory for all of us and this has caused our faculty and staff to find different ways to provide continued education for all children in the district. Through this process, our teachers and administrators have worked very hard to come up with plans and materials, meeting times, check-ins, Zoom meetings, Google Classrooms, Google Teams, and so much more to help continue the learning process. Please know that we only have the best interest of your children in mind as we wade through these waters together. Thank you for your continued patience with us as we continue to provide our new learning platform.

Since our Continuity of Learning Plan began, we have had some students who have not been able to attend their sessions due to Internet access, or low bandwidth, or some are just having difficulty getting motivated to do the work. We know that stress and pressure is high during this time and we would like to help. Please check with your children to see if they have reached out to their teachers during this past week. If they have not, please encourage them to do so as our teachers want to see them, hear them, and most important, help them. We are all in this together!

Meal service is still available for any student who is 18 years of age or younger and if special education services are rendered up to age 26. There are no income eligibility requirements to receive these meals. If you have not taken advantage of meal service and would like to, please contact the central office and we will get you on the list. The next day for delivery will be Monday, April 20, 2020.

The regular meeting of the Brimley Area Schools Board of Education will be held on April 20, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. We are conducting meetings a bit differently now as social distancing has become the norm. I will be hosting the meeting from the cafeteria and the board members will be attending remotely. If you would like to attend the meeting, please come to the high school cafeteria and we will practice social distancing and conduct the meeting accordingly.

Thank you for providing such great support for your children and our school as we continue to practice social distancing and education from a distance. Remember, when we all work together, great things can and will happen. We will make it through this difficult time together.

Again, if I can be of further assistance, please make sure to reach out to me and I will do what I can to help.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reattoir", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools