



Brimley Area Schools

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RE: Update

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying our very warm summer thus far. Mind you, I am not complaining as it will be cold enough very soon. I trust you had a nice time celebrating Fourth of July with family; we had a beautiful day. If this weather continues, we are on a track for a very nice summer break. Enjoy our beautiful U.P. weather!

By now I am sure you have seen the MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Road Map that was released by Governor Whitmer and her taskforce on June 30th. We have been tasked to create three different plans for how school will look during the next school year. A plan for if our region is in Phase 1-3; a plan for Phase 4; and a plan for Phase 5. Currently, our region is in Phase 5. If we are upgraded to Phase 6, school will resume pretty much as in the past with some hygiene recommendations. I truly hope we move to Phase 6; however, the past few weeks is providing some insight, and this is not likely to happen.

Our team, consisting of parents, faculty/staff, administration, and board members will begin the planning process on Monday, July 13. We will be using the Road Map as well as the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan Template to help guide the process. We will keep you informed as our plans move closer to finalization. After the plans are complete, we are required to have them Board approved and posted on our school web site. Further, our plans must be provided to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District who will then forward them to the Michigan Department of Education.

Reminder: On August 4th, Brimley Area Schools will be asking for a millage renewal for operational expenses. The last time we asked for a renewal was in 2015. We are again asking for an 18.9115 mill renewal. This renewal will generate approximately \$1,206,362.00 in operating revenue for the district each year and we are asking the renewal to be approved for a period of 10 years. There is no property tax increase for homeowners' primary dwellings. The operating millage renewal is not levied on homestead property. Only non-homestead properties

(businesses, 2nd homes, etc.) are impacted. If the renewal is not approved, the millage rate in 2020 on those properties will fall to zero and the district will lose approximately \$1,206,362.00 in revenue. You will find a frequently asked questions document on our website that will answer many of your questions. PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON AUGUST 4th.

Respectfully,

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

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools