



Brimley Area Schools

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RE: Update

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

I sure hope you have had some time over the last week to relax and recharge your bodies. After sending out last week's letter, I received a note from a wonderful lady in the community reminding me to make sure to follow my own advice. I am truly grateful for our communities and how they work together for the benefit of all. Please continue to remember to enjoy our wonderful area and all that it has to offer, no matter the weather.

Well, we are just six weeks away from the start of school. During the summer months when there are no students in the building it is very quiet and lonely. This year, I have not had students in the building since March 13th. I am truly excited for the opportunity to see students return in the fall. I know this school year will not be like in the past, but we are going to do our very best to make it as safe as possible for returning to school.

Our Return to School Committee has worked very hard over four meetings to put together three different plans for each of the possible phases that we may be in during the school year. I would like to thank all members of this committee for their time, professionalism, input, and genuine concern for making sure we put together the best possible plans for a safe return to school. I would also like to thank all of you for taking the time to do our parent survey. This information is very helpful as we move through our planning process.

We have plans for Phases 1-3, which will provide our students with online, remote instruction. We have a robust program that we will use called Accelerate Education to assist in providing quality instruction. If we are in Phases 4 or 5, instruction will be face-to-face with several required and strongly recommended safety precautions. Currently, we are in Phase 5 of the Return to School Road Map. We also have the opportunity for parents to choose the online platform for their children instead of a return to face-to-face instruction. Through this planning, we believe the needs of our children can be met through face-to-face or the online platform.

The next step is for our board of education to review and approve the plan. We are in the process of setting up a special board meeting for next week. After approval, the plan will be published, and parents will have the opportunity to see how all of this will work for the coming school year. Please look for more details to come as we will publish things on our website and Facebook.

Finally, please remember to vote on August 4th as we have an operational millage renewal proposal on the ballot. By now, each household should have received the newsletter that explains the operational millage renewal proposal and a frequently asked questions document. This operational millage renewal proposal will provide approximately \$1,206,362.00 in operating revenue for the district each year and we are asking this renewal proposal to be approved for a period of 10 years. Again, there is no property tax increase for homeowners' primary dwellings. Thank you for your continued support of the program we offer at Brimley Area Schools.

Thank you for your continued support and input as we navigate through these trying times. Please remember, we will get through this together.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Reattoir', written over a horizontal line.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools