## **Brimley Area Schools**

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**RE: In-Person Education** 

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I trust you had a restful and enjoyable spring break with your family. The spring weather has really been warm and that is great news for getting outside and breathing in some fresh air.

Today, Governor Whitmer held a press conference asking that schools voluntarily pause inperson education for 9-12 high school students, and youth sports for a period of two weeks. This is not a mandatory pause. Our District paused for in-person learning and sports a week prior to spring break due to a rise in case counts. Between the pause week and spring break, our students were away from the District a total of 17 days.

After meeting with regional superintendents, our administrative team, and reaching out to our local health department, Brimley Area Schools will continue to offer in-person education for our students and offer youth sports. According to the health department, currently it does appear that the number of actual positive cases within high school students is low. They continue to work with staff to get updated statistics on the number of high school students specifically, but if the number of cases is low, they are comfortable with in-person learning for these grades. If cases continue to rise in our region, specifically within our District, we will make the necessary adjustments to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. It is our hope that we do not have to take another pause when offering in-person education to our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we progress through this pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at the office.

Respectfully

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.

Superintendent of Schools