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RE: Update

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

As I write this update letter and look at the calendar, it is only 17 days away from the start of the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a total of 178 days since we have had students in our building for any educational purpose. I am extremely excited to see our students come back! I know some will be back face-to-face and some will be using our Blue and White Academy, either way, we are back in business.

In case you have not had the opportunity to sign up for our Blue and White Academy, you will find the registration form on our website under site shortcuts on the left side of the page. We would like all registrations completed so that on Monday, August 24th, we can begin the process of setting up classes and adjusting class lists for those students who will be attending face-to-face instruction. Thank you for your attention to this very important part of our return to school process.

Also, under the site shortcuts, you will find a transportation registration form for you to fill out. Please take the time to fill out that form as well so that we can finalize bus routes and look at how to best social distance on our buses.

If you are planning to drive your children to school because of a concern for the enclosed spaces and lack of social distancing on our buses, please be sure to check out our upcoming school newsletter. You will find some direction on how we would like to have students dropped off and picked up at school along with traffic flow procedures to better keep our students and other pedestrians safe in the parking lot.

As we moved through our planning process for a safe return to school, we had to purchase many new items. We have purchased new soap dispensers, hand sanitizing stations, paper towel dispensers, thermometers, face masks, face shields, etc. Bay Mills Indian Community has assisted greatly with purchases of three facial scanners for temperature taking. Further, they have purchased OWL Cameras that will assist our teachers with online delivery of content and

air purifiers for classrooms. We would not have been able to purchase these items without their help. A HUGE thanks to the entire Bay Mills Indian Community.

As we move closer to the start of school, there will be more information posted on our website under COVID-19 Updates. Currently, you will find our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, Blue and White Academy Registration, Transportation Survey, Frequently Asked Questions, and our procedures. I know this is a great deal of information, but we are trying to keep you informed and remain transparent on how we are progressing towards a safe reopening of our schools. Thank you for taking the time to read this information and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer break. I hope the weather continues to be nice and you can be out having fun in the sun. See you very soon.

Respectfully.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.

Superintendent of Schools