



# Brimley Area Schools

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## **RE: Update**

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

Well, we are now only 10 days away from the start of the 2020-2021 school year. I am extremely excited to welcome back our students, those who will be receiving face-to-face instruction, as well as those who will be joining us by way of our Blue and White Academy. We have missed you greatly and are eager to begin the new school year. Please enjoy the remaining week of summer break and we will see you on our first full day of school, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out all the different surveys that we have sent you. These surveys have helped us prepare for transportation, online delivery of content, social distancing in classrooms, and many other very important aspects of a safe return to school. We appreciate your input greatly.

In past letters I have outlined all the supports we have received during our return to school planning. Here are two more examples of our community providing assistance for our school.

First, Miss Macie Smart who is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade this year has donated various cleaning supplies for our school. In the summer, Macie emailed me and said that she wanted to donate her savings to help our school in some fashion. This is such a wonderful act of kindness shown by this young lady. Thank you very much Miss Macie Smart.

Second, the Soo So-Op Credit Union has very kindly donated \$500.00 to our school to help with purchasing masks. I was contacted by Ms. Ellis who was very willing to assist in this area and we received the check today. Thank you very much to our friends at the Soo Co-Op Credit Union.

We are still working to get all Blue and White Academy students enrolled in the system. We will be in contact soon to help with orientation to the program and providing the necessary laptops or Chromebooks for our students. Thank you for being so patient with us during this transition.

In the first few weeks of school, all students in the district will be taking an assessment to see where they are academically. We are required by new legislation to have student take this assessment. We will be using the NWEA Test for this assessment and the results will assist us with setting academic goals for the year. Again, this is just an assessment to see where students are academically and will not have an impact on their grades.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, the students we serve, and the programs we offer. Again, we all know this school year will not be like any other we have experienced. However, with much kindness, grace, patience, and support for each other, we will all make it through this school year with great success.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reattoir". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.  
Superintendent of Schools