



Little Axe Public Schools
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Jay Thomas
Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all, thank you for an excellent school year and for your dedication to ensuring that the first year of four day weeks at Little Axe Public School was a success! The four day week allowed this school to save the money needed to continue to offer additional opportunities to our students and is going to create a situation where we can continue to offer the same opportunities to our students in the upcoming year. With that being said, next year will be on a four day week schedule again with a small change in hours of attendance. Starting times will not change; end times will be slightly different. The first bell for High School and Middle school students will be at 7:30 with students being considered tardy at 7:35 am. The day will end at 3:15 pm for Middle School and High School Students. Elementary students will be allowed in the classroom beginning at 8:20 am and will be considered tardy after 8:30 am. The day will end at 4:05 pm with students being allowed to be picked up at 4:05 pm. The first day of the 2017-2018 school year will be the 15th of August, 2017. The complete school calendar is on our website at www.littleaxeps.org.

As most of you are aware, construction on the two safe rooms has been ongoing all school year. The safe rooms are mostly complete with minor cosmetic corrections needed for them to be open for daily use of our students. They are safe to be used in the event of an emergency. I plan to have an open house as soon as they are turned over to the school for daily use. While we had hoped this would be during this school year, they will not be complete, so, the open house will be announced in the near future. In the event of an emergency after school hours, the safe room at the High School will be open for community use. Individuals wanting to take shelter will be invited to park in the middle school gym parking lot, walk in front of the High School gym and enter through the North door of the safe room. Please note that animals are not allowed in either safe room; they will not be permitted to enter even in the case of an emergency unless the animal is a certified assistance animal and, due to public safety, appropriate legal action will be taken for false representation of a service animal.

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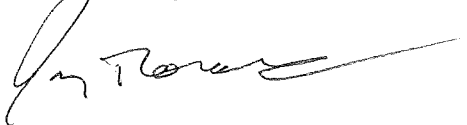
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With news of the budget crisis in Oklahoma continuing and little more than the knowledge that there will be a budget cut for next year, I want to assure each of you that Little Axe Public School is well prepared for the upcoming budget reduction. While we are currently unsure of the exact amount of reduction, plans have been made for both best and worst case scenarios, which, fortunately for our students at this time do not include reduction in personnel. Appropriate action regarding spending will be taken when final budget numbers are presented by the legislature in the near future. Again, the financial savings of a four day school week has contributed and will continue to contribute to opportunities for each student of Little Axe Public School; considerable personnel cuts would become necessary if we were forced to return to a five day week.

Thank you for your continued support of your student as well as your continued support of this school. Thank you for the trust you place in your Child's teacher for their appropriate education. If I can be of service to you please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone: 405-329-7691 or via email: jay.thomas@littleaxeps.org.

We look forward to seeing your child again next year!

Professionally,



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