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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to Vikki Hawkins and Chris Morris, co-advisors of Caring Kids, PTA, PTSA and all of the many volunteers who made last night's Drive-thru Picnic on the Green such a success. Over 840 hotdogs were handed out to families. The best part was seeing the students' faces as they waved to their principals, teachers, nurses, and paraprofessionals, all while getting their first glance at the new playground equipment. It was priceless! Yesterday was also a time for elementary families to pick up students' belongings. The middle/high school will be establishing pick up dates and times in the near future.

This week middle and high school students will receive their five week progress report. There are approximately four more weeks of school remaining for the 2019/2020 school year. Students are in the home stretch so please keep encouraging them to work hard to complete the necessary assignments that will be factored into their fourth quarter grade of "C, W or I" as well as their final numerical grade for the year. If your child needs help, please reach out to their teacher and/or building principal. Below are the details related to grading and additional updates to help us finish this school year strong.

4th Marking Period, Final Grades and Report Cards:

The decisions that were made regarding grading for the 4th Marking Period and Final Grades were thoughtfully considered and are now outlined in the District's "Remote Learning Plan." This document was previously shared in early April. Each school building is different, so please read the sections that are applicable for your child(ren). Building administrators will also be sharing information to ensure students understand how their grades will be finalized. It is important to capture where each student finishes this year so that additional supports can be implemented during the summer and/or next school year for students that need it. [Click here for the full Remote Learning Plan Summary](#)

Last Day of School*:

In review of the state requirement to meet 180 attendance days, contractual language regarding the length of the work year, and Governor Cuomo's Executive Order to work through planned vacation days (spring break and the Friday before Memorial Day), the last day of school for students will be June 16.

**Pending no additional executive orders related to remote learning*

Dropping off Technology, Textbooks, Library Books, Athletic Uniforms etc.:

As we prepare to end the school year, we will need your support in returning textbooks, uniforms and other district property such as one-to-one technology (including chargers and bags where applicable.) The iPads, Chromebooks and laptops need to be returned to be cleaned and updated for the 2020/2021 school year.

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The following drop-off dates, times and locations have been established:

June 16: 12 noon - 3 PM

June 17: 8 AM - 12 noon

June 18: 8 AM - 12 noon

Locations:

Elementary School - south parking lot

Middle and High School - parking circle near the greenhouse

Please add the dates to your calendar. If you are unable to return the items and need them picked up, please let your building principal know.

Annual Budget Vote:

The link below directs you to information on the District's website related to the budget vote which will be held on June 9. [Annual School District Budget Hearing and Vote](#). Per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, voting this year will take place using absentee ballots only. Budget documents from all of the budget workshops are on the District website under the [Business/Budget heading](#). Additional information will be provided in the budget newsletter, which will be mailed next week. The heading of the newsletter says it all, "**Investing In Our Students With Fiscal Responsibility During Unprecedented Times**". In reviewing the newsletter, you will find that the proposed tax levy increase is 0.72% with a 2.80% budget increase. If you have any budget questions, please call us at 518-966-5070 Ext. 511 or email budget@greenvillecsd.org.

May 5 Parent Forum- Reducing Anxiety in your Child:

Thirty six participants joined the District's first remote Parent Forum on Reducing Anxiety in your Child. [A summary of the forum is provided in this link](#). Upon receiving positive feedback from parents and staff, we have moved forward and scheduled a second remote parent forum. The next forum is titled "*Keeping the Tech in Check*" and is scheduled for June 11th.

"One of the biggest challenges of parenting today is trying to figure out how to moderate our kids' use of technology. It can be a daily struggle over how much time is spent on phones, computers and video games. As parents, we know too much technology is detrimental, but how much is too much? You may be asking yourself, What are the harmful effects of technology? How do I limit my child's tech when it is all he wants to do? This workshop will answer all of these questions, and any others that you may have about keeping tech in check at home" Jennifer Bashant, CEO Building Better Futures

Please remember to mark your calendars. This is a great topic to address as children transition from remote learning to summer vacation.

New Parking Lot / Paving:

Last year voters approved the purchase of the lot adjacent to the elementary north parking lot to enhance parking availability and safety. With school buildings closed, this work was able to begin in May. In addition to the new elementary parking lot and the alcove area at Ellis, paving is scheduled at the middle/high school as well. This work will finish the paving needs on campus and include the student, staff and visitor lots, the back area next to the tennis courts and the middle/high school entrance. An updated status of the remaining capital work is outlined in the budget newsletter.

A special thanks to the Art Department for putting together this amazing GCSD rainbow!



Thank you to everyone for pressing on and continuing to work so hard as we finish this school year. As always - day by day, together doing our best!

Sincerely,

Tammy J. Sutherland
Superintendent of Schools