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Joe Price, Superintendent

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Dear Students, Staff, and Families, and Community members of the Barneveld School District:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. On June 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released guidance around opening schools for the 2020-21 school year.

This 87-page document titled [Education Forward](#) has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like. The document addresses in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing, and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

The Barneveld staff, administration, and Board of Education are aware of the urgent need to communicate to families about what to expect next school year. As of now, we don't have all the answers to specifics of the reopening as this document was released to school districts at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we ask for your patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and develops an implementation process to meet these requirements.

In the coming weeks, Barneveld will establish a joint task force as we strive to review and enhance our learning programs. In addition, this joint task force will now begin developing plans for a return to in-person learning as well as a blended schedule of remote/in-person learning. In order to ensure all the state requirements and mandates are followed, we must examine all potential scheduling options.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as we navigate a situation together that none of us could have imagined.

We will be in touch soon. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Joseph Price, Superintendent
And
The Barneveld Board of Education