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DATE: July 28, 2020

TO: Parent, Students, Staff, Community Members

RE: August 25, 2020 – Start of School

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The Board of Education approved a proposal at the meeting last night, July 27, 2020, to move the original start day for school this year. When our calendar was approved in February, our staff was set begin with in-service on Monday, August 17th and the start of school for students was on Thursday, August 20th. With so many conversations over the last couple of weeks, including the Navigating Change Guidance Document release, the Governor's Executive Order (that was not passed), and ongoing professional discussions with my colleagues, I believe our staff could use more time to prepare. In an effort for us to plan, analyze our safety procedures, offer professional development, and roll out a great start, more time would be beneficial.

Therefore, our new start date for students will be with a half-day Tuesday, August 25th. We will have another half-day of school on Wednesday, August 26th. Both half days will be morning sessions with breakfast and lunch being served. The half-day thinking being that will give us some time to practice the interventions we have established and then reflect, make adjustments, and continue with professional development. We will have the first full-day of instruction for our students on Thursday, August 27th.

This will have an impact on our overall calendar, as we will be utilizing four of the in-service days that had originally been planned for professional development time. Therefore, September 14th, January 4th, January 18th, and April 19th in-service days will now become instructional days for students. Students will be expected to attend school on those four days.

TREASURER

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If you have any questions, please email me; bill.biermann@usd352.org or call my office 785-890-2397

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Sincerely,



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