



June 5, 2020

Dear students, staff, families and community,

This has been a heart wrenching time in history. Not only have we been dealing with the challenges of a pandemic, these past weeks we have experienced an ugly reality of issues that has been ongoing for hundreds of years - racism, bigotry, and hate. Many of our children and families are trying to come to terms with the senseless murder of an African American man, George Floyd along with Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Sandra Bland, Philando Castile, Tamir Rice, Trayvon Martin, Emmett Till and many others. Mount Baker School District stands strong with all people of color to denounce all forms of racism, bigotry, and hate. Anything less than justice for all is not acceptable.

We have compiled some resources on our website at [www.mtbaker.wednet.edu](http://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu) for help in ways to learn about and discuss equity, tolerance, and racism. What we teach, discuss, and model for our children must promote love and compassion rather than apathy, indifference, racism, and hate. Regardless of our backgrounds, we can all come together to ensure a better future for our community and country.

There are five school days left for seniors. They will have no new assignments this week, so they should be completing and turning in previous assignments and completing any outstanding graduation requirements. Teachers, counselors, and administrators are available for support. All other students have ten school days left. They should continue to complete assignments and stay in contact with their teachers.

Chromebooks will be collected. Expect information from your child's teacher or principal soon regarding the system and timeline for collection. We do plan to provide one-to-one devices in the fall regardless of the circumstances with COVID-19.

Next week is expected to bring long awaited guidelines from the Governor and OSPI regarding summer activities as well as our fall reopening. There have been many questions about this, and I should have answers next week. Stay tuned for next Friday's robocall at 5:45 p.m.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Go Baker!

Sincerely,

Mary Sewright  
Superintendent