



May 29, 2020

Dear students, staff, families and community,

It has been a quiet week which makes me wonder how everyone is doing. As I am working with many groups to plan for the upcoming school year, I would love to hear thoughts from students and parents. Surveys can provide great data, but I find that people's stories are very impactful and bring a higher level of understanding to both struggles and celebrations. We don't want to embark on the next school year doing things the same way. We want to improve to ensure we are meeting everyone's needs. If you have some thoughts or stories you would like to share, please email me at [msewright@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:msewright@mtbaker.wednet.edu) or call me at 360-617-4600.

Speaking of surveys, I have posted the results of the survey given in February. Please refer to the website to see my message regarding the survey and the results including a summary of the comments about needs for improvement made under each section. All of this information is helpful as we strive for continuous improvement.

Prior to June 12<sup>th</sup> which is the final day for seniors, you will receive a FOCUS Newsletter in the mail. This is a special edition dedicated to our Seniors. I hope everyone enjoys this salute to the Class of 2020.

There are many traditions that we are missing as we close up the school year. I have never experienced a last day of school without the parade of buses full of students circling the parking lots before taking kids home for the summer. Since we are not able to do that this year, we are offering up a fun alternative. On June 19<sup>th</sup> we invite families to drive to schools and parade through the parking lots from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. You can wave signs and make noise as you drive by and wave at staff members who will be social distancing and following our county guidelines. The two-hour window will allow families who have children at more than one school to participate at multiple places if they so choose.

There are ten days of school left for seniors and fifteen days left for all other grades. Make the hours and days count. A heartfelt thanks to parents for all you are doing to support student learning!

Go Baker!

Sincerely,

Mary Sewright, Superintendent