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Dear Families,

As this school year comes to an end, I would like to say thank you again for supporting us throughout this year. I also want to inform you of key calendar changes that will take place during the 2021-2022 school year. Normally you would receive this information in our annual Buck Bulletin, however due to the potential impact these changes may have for you and your family I wanted to share this information sooner.

Key Calendar Changes:

Our start date will be August 30, 2021. This allows our calendar to align with other districts in the area as well as gives us more time and opportunities to collaborate with those districts.

Early release days will be district wide every Wednesday. Each school in the district will release students approximately 25 minutes earlier on Wednesdays. Official school start and dismissal times will be posted in the Buck Bulletin and shared by the building principals. We are moving forward with this change because it provides consistency throughout the district and it gives our teachers time to focus in our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to address the unique needs of students.

Additional half-days have been added to the calendar. We will average about one to two half-days each month. With a few exceptions these half-days will take place primarily on Wednesdays. This includes a combination of record days and professional development days. Our staff are lifelong learners and these additional professional development days will support our teachers in their professional growth and collaboration across the district.

Change in spring break. Spring break is now scheduled for **March 21, 2022- March 25, 2022**. The spring break schedule is established by the county and was changed after input from our local community colleges and districts during the 2019-2020 school year. This change happened due to the increase of the number of students who are dual enrolled and who, because of the different spring break calendars, would not have a spring break. This change will help with our students' social and emotional health as they will have time to disconnect from both their college and high school classes simultaneously.

Kid Care will restart in the fall. Kid Care Summer Camp will not happen this summer instead the staff will take this time to regroup and organize for the fall.

Any updates over the summer will be shared via our website and Facebook page. I hope you have an enjoyable summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Patricia Robinson
Superintendent