



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Little Silver Families,

I hope everyone is doing well. As you will see, this update letter will cover a few different topics and provide you with some important information related to our June calendar. Additionally, we are also asking for your feedback with regard to some of the funds our district will receive, so I hope that everyone will take the time to complete the brief survey that is included in that portion of this letter.

Calendar Changes

Knowing how important the 8th grade graduation ceremony is to our entire community, we are making every effort to hold the event in its traditional form, which means celebrating our graduates outside by the gazebo near MPS. In order to ensure that the event will take place in that fashion, the decision has been made to include a rain date. ***The new date for 8th grade graduation is Thursday, June 17th and we will use Friday, June 18th as our rain date.*** If we are faced with inclement weather on both days, then we will hold the event in the MPS gym on Friday, June 18th. If the event is held indoors, then steps will be taken to follow the capacity limits set forth by the Governor. In order to maintain a safe setting inside the gym, tickets will be issued to the graduates prior to the event. Unfortunately, guest attendance for an indoor ceremony will be limited to the parents of each graduating student. However, the district plans to have the ceremony live streamed for remote viewing if the event is held indoors. As a result of this schedule change, I will formally ask the Board of Education to adjust the district calendar so that June 17th will be an early dismissal day for both schools. This decision will allow for the appropriate level of preparation for the ceremony for both the staff and students. Just as a reminder, June 18th and June 21st are already scheduled to be half-days, so there is no need to adjust those dates.

School Funding

Thanks to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), all public school districts receive funds each year that can be used for a variety of purposes. Currently, the administration is seeking input from the community with regard to how our residents would like to see the funds utilized. Angie Rosen, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, has created a survey that will serve this purpose and provide parents and community members with a voice in our decision making process. I strongly encourage everyone to complete and submit this form using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfv1F0I_O847Lf8YXoXFmkuu21bOwg-zjEXkVMbskWLaGSFMA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Reopening update

As of this past Monday, our schools reached the final phase of our district's Reopening Plan! Overall, the transition to five full days has gone very well due in large part to the planning efforts of our administration and the flexibility of our staff. As you know, the students are eating lunch in classrooms



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for the time being under the supervision of staff and lunch aides, but recess will continue to take place outdoors for the K-5 students to the greatest extent possible based on the weather conditions. As we move through the coming weeks, it is possible that adjustments will need to be made to certain procedures and protocols as deemed necessary by the staff and administration. Appropriate notification will be sent to families if changes are needed. For now, I am proud of our district for reaching the point where we were able to extend our school day to the fullest extent for our students. As I stated in my last letter, these final five weeks of the school year will be used to determine what types of procedures we need to consider and possibly implement when the new school year starts in September.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael E. Ettore".

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