

June 3, 2020: District email

*District families,*

*As we finish this school year I want to thank you again for all of your hard work in getting through the challenges of this spring. Your commitment and resilience were shown time and time again. You've always been an important part of your child's education, but you took that involvement so much further these last few months. Thank you.*

Please see a couple of updates regarding this summer and next year below:

### **Reminder About Summer Food Service Program (starting June 8)**

The last Monday/Wednesday/Friday meal-pick up at Birch Lake, Oneka, and Willow Lane will be Friday, June 5. Each meal bag picked up on June 5 will provide 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches.

Starting the week of June 8, all meal pick-up locations will move to once-a-week pick-up only, on Wednesdays. Each meal bag will contain at least 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches. There is no need to sign up. Pick-Up locations are listed below.

Wednesday School Site Pick-Up (starting the week of June 8) from 9:30-10:30 a.m. located at:

- Oneka Elementary
- Otter Lake Elementary
- Willow Lane Elementary

Wednesday Neighborhood Meal Pick-Up (starting the week of June 8) from 8:45-9:45 a.m. located at:

- Hugo: 15057 Forest Blvd N
- Maplewood: 1053 County Rd D E
- Vadnais Heights: 200 Mayfair Rd
- White Bear Lake:
  - 3521 Century Ave N
  - 3149 McKnight Rd N
  - 1634 9th St
  - 1805 Cedar Ave

### **Notes about Next Year**

I want to assure you that we are already thinking ahead to next school year. As more becomes known about COVID-19 and guidelines are updated, we continue to adjust plans that will help us provide the safest back-to-school experience for all of our students.

We are currently exploring three different scenarios for this fall: 1) In-person school with social distancing practices; 2) Hybrid model of distance learning and in-person school with social distancing practices; and 3) Distance learning. Please understand that we will not

have final guidance from either the Minnesota Department of Health or the Minnesota Department of Education until late July, when we will be able to begin finalizing our plans. We will share information with families as soon as we are able.

While we don't know what that future may look like, we do know that our staff members will continue to do what they do so well - care for your child. Whether their setting is a classroom, a kitchen, a hallway or a bus, White Bear staff members remain committed to the education and well-being of your child.

As we move into planning discussions and provide updates as they are available this summer, we ask that families stay connected with us. Please share with us your fears or worries about next year so that we can make plans to address whatever is causing concern. Your input will be essential to our process of planning a safe and successful start to the 2020-21 school year.

*We wish you a good last couple of days of school and a restful summer, and we are excited to reconnect with your student next fall.*

*Go Bears!*

*Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent*