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End of the Year Message

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

We have arrived at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. I can safely say that this has been a year like no other! I am very grateful to everyone in this community who helped keep the learning going throughout the year!

Thank you to our parents and community members who continually support our students. Many people gave their time and energy to help relocate classrooms. Others volunteered for committees to help plan and problem-solve. All of our parents went the extra mile to provide whatever their children needed to succeed.

Thank you to the PTA, especially co-presidents Correy Stephenson and Cameron Sager, for providing resources and setting up events that helped bring us all back together.

Thank you to our teachers and service providers who kept our students' education moving forward despite changes in venues and protocols. Your hard work and dedication will not be forgotten!

Thank you to our mental health professionals who were there for our students, parents, and employees when stress and anxiety were at their highest levels. Your work helped many people manage during an uncertain time.

Thank you to all of our support personnel for keeping us safe, organized and on task. You were instrumental in keeping our schools secure and running smoothly.

Thank you to our administrators who spent untold hours planning, meeting, and organizing in the most unstable, unpredictable environment possible. Your leadership provided the strength for everyone in the District to keep going.

And, finally, thank you to the Board of Education who tirelessly dedicated their time and energy to address the District's needs.

As we close this last day of school, I wanted to share a few items with the community.

- Construction continues apace with completion still expected for this summer. An update will be given at the July 5th Board of Education meeting as well as throughout the summer as needed.

- With the exception of the BMRSS summer program and a few short-term programs, our school buildings will have limited access during the summer months. You will receive a separate email with details about when and how you can access the buildings, but in general you will need to call ahead.
- Our new administrators, Dr. Michael Curtin and Kimberly Saxton, will be starting during the first week of July. I know that many people are anxious to meet them. I would ask that you give them a few weeks to get settled in before reaching out to them. I am sure that they will be reaching out to you as well.

I want to thank you all for the support that you have given me and the district this year. I hope that you have a fantastic summer and look forward to the start of a terrific 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Colin M. Byrne
Superintendent of Schools