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Dear GBES Families,

I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying your summer break. I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding the upcoming school year.

Numerous facility upgrades have been underway at GBES this summer. Projects have included renovation of the annexes, HVAC replacement throughout the building, roof replacement, tile replacement, and painting.

Due to the extensive nature of these projects, we must delay Gordon-Barbour's first day of school to ensure that projects are completed and teachers have adequate time to prepare classrooms for our students. This decision was not made lightly, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. Our primary goal is to ensure that our school environment is safe, comfortable, and conducive to learning for all students.

The new start date for Gordon-Barbour Elementary School will be August 12th, and our Open House will be held on August 9th from 10 am - 4 pm. We understand that this change may require adjustments to your family's plans and truly appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this time. We are committed to providing regular updates as our team works diligently to complete the projects as quickly as possible.

Despite this delay, we are very excited about the improvements being made to our school facilities. These renovations will greatly enhance the learning environment and provide our students with the best possible experience. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and new opportunities for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to a successful 2024-2025 school year.

Warm regards,

Brandi Shumake

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