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Dear BPS Families,

I hope your summer has provided time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. As we begin a new school year, I want to welcome you back to Bismarck Public Schools and share a few important updates for 2026–2027.

I'm Jeff Fastnacht, and I'm honored to serve as Superintendent. It's a privilege to work alongside our dedicated staff and partner with families across this community. Together, we are focused on creating schools where students feel supported, challenged, and connected.

Key Updates for the School Year

Our Focus for the Next 18 Months

This fall, we are sharing a clear, focused plan for the next 18 months across Bismarck Public Schools. This work reflects both our long-term direction and the immediate steps we are taking to support students and staff. We encourage families to review the plan to better understand our priorities, timelines, and what this means for our schools: <https://canva.link/a8dibprqd99yhgu>

Transition to Infinite Campus

This year, BPS is transitioning from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus as our student information system. This change will improve how families access student information, including attendance, grades, and communication. As we move through this transition, families should watch their email and phone messages closely for updates and instructions. It will be important to engage with these communications to ensure you are informed and prepared for the start of the school year. We are committed to providing clear guidance and support along the way.

Facility Improvements and Accessibility

We continue to address facility needs across the district with a focus on safety, functionality, and accessibility. This includes ongoing work to improve accessibility in our buildings so all students, staff, and visitors can fully access our schools. These efforts are part of a broader, long-term approach to maintaining and improving our learning environments.

As we start the year, we remain grounded in a simple commitment: every student deserves a high-quality learning experience in a supportive environment. That work depends on strong relationships between schools and families, and we value your partnership in that effort.

Thank you for your continued support of Bismarck Public Schools. We look forward to a strong year ahead.

Respectfully,



Jeff Fastnacht
Superintendent