



# Brookfield Public Schools



*"Create Your Tomorrow"*

June 19, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the school year draws to a close I want to provide all of you with sincere wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer. Additionally, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all of the support you have demonstrated over this past school year. We could not be in the place we are now without the commitment of our faculty, staff, administration and you, the parents.

This school year certainly has been productive, with many memorable experiences for our students.

**Some highlights are as follows:** Our new K-8 math program has received high praise from parents and teachers along with our elementary reading foundations program. The new math coach positions have been a tremendous support to both students and faculty with the math implementation. Enhanced guidance services at Brookfield High have been possible with the new college & career counselor position. Furthermore, our health curriculum has undergone several updates this past year. And, after 2 full years of planning and perseverance we are ready to transition to the MUNIS financial platform to continue to maintain financial and regulatory controls regarding the annual budget and school operations.

**Below are highlights that parents and students can look forward to next year:**

- Both the middle and high school will see an increase in certified reading staff. Moreover, at Whisconier, we have increased social studies instructional time with the addition of a Grade 6 teaching position.
- For those students entering from Huckleberry, a simplified Grade 5 schedule is in place at Whisconier to support the transition to middle school.
- The world language lab at the high school will be fully operational next year.
- Huckleberry Hill will have an additional section of Grade 2, and Center School will have an additional special education teacher to support our most vulnerable children.
- Our teachers have worked hard and will continue to enhance their knowledge and skill regarding curriculum, instruction and assessment.

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- This summer we have been invited to attend training with the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence – Seedlings Institute for School Leaders. We look forward to bringing our knowledge back to district personnel as we develop enhancement plans regarding social & emotional learning and supports.
- We will also enhance security at each school by implementing a new electronic visitor management system. Your school principals will be in touch with updates regarding safety procedures.

We certainly have accomplished a great deal together in alignment with the Strategic Coherence Plan, helping the children with ever increasing opportunities to Create Their Tomorrow. Together, with continued vision, communication and collaboration I am confident we will reach all of our goals.

**Please enjoy the beautiful weather and have a pleasant summer.** Thank you for your support! The first day of school for next year is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



John W. Barile  
Superintendent

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