



BIGFORK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 38

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Dear Bigfork Parents and Staff:

As summer is wrapping up and we prepare for the 22/23 school year, I am excited for staff and students to return to school and look forward to seeing all of you. I want to welcome you back and hope that over your summer you found some time to decompress from the 21/22 school year. I am honored to be your Superintendent and I'll do all that I can to make this a great school year for all. Keeping our students and staff safe is our number one priority.

One of the goals we worked on last year was making sure we concentrated on the safety and security of students and staff. The board approved a front door buzzer system in both the elementary/middle school and the high school. There will be some inconvenience for parents and visitors when they enter the schools during the regular school day. The front doors will be locked, and you will have to be buzzed in. We planned and hoped this would be installed by the first day of school. However, back ordered parts are going to make this touch and go right up to the first day. We also will be putting in a brand-new camera system, again for the safety and security of both students and staff. This should be completed early this fall.

Staying on this same safety theme, on August 30, in the elementary school and August 31 in the high school, we will be conducting Run, Lock, Fight training for our staff. We ask that students and the community stay off campus on those days and if you need to contact us, please call the district office at (406) 837-7400. On the same two days, we will also be conducting Stop the Bleed Training, hands-on practice of applying direct pressure, packing a wound, and using a tourniquet to stop bleeding.

Again, the teachers will be back in the building for training and preparing their rooms August 30-September 1 and we will be welcoming the students back on September 6 which will be an early out releasing students at 1:30.

I look forward to a great school year and if you have any questions or concerns, please call, email, or stop by and see me.

Sincerely,

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