



Brookfield Public Schools
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



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Dear Families,

I trust that the summer season finds you well rested and ready for the upcoming year. I look forward to continuing to engage in our collaborative work *aligned with the cornerstones of our Strategic Coherence Plan; Communication & Collaboration, Creativity & Innovation, Character & Connection, and Critical Thinking & Problem Solving*. In July I met with our Brookfield Teacher of the Year Pam Garrett and the BHS Marketing Team to review the district motto submissions as a springboard to develop a slogan representative of our district's core values and promise for the future. I am thrilled to share with you that our students developed *"Create Your Tomorrow"* as our district slogan.

What we have to look forward to:

"Pay to Participate" has been eliminated

Communication:

- Our brand new website will be live on August 12th www.brookfieldps.org
- Our new District Communication Plan is attached and will be posted on the website
- [Click here](#) to view a brand new "Conversation with Superintendent Barile".

Curriculum & Instruction:

- K-3 Phonics Program
- K-8 Columbia Teachers College Reading & Writing Units of Study and new Math Program
- 9-12 NEASC Accreditation Preparation, World Language Lab, and Positive Discipline Program

Staffing: We have hired many new faculty members to replace those individuals who have retired and also added several new positions based upon our Budget & Strategic Plan. Below are some highlighted positions by school:

- BHS Social Studies, Business, College Counselor
- WMS Math Specialist, Special Education
- HHES Math Specialist, Speech & Language, Several Regular Classroom Teachers
- CES Kindergarten and Grade1 Classroom Teachers
- District English Language Learner Teacher, Benefits Coordinator, Technology Director

Facilities: The buildings look great! The facilities have been cleaned from top to bottom. Many summer projects were completed at each school. Very special thanks must go out to the custodians and the secretaries who have worked extremely hard this summer to make these projects successful.

Power School/Parent Portal: Power School is undergoing its regular summer maintenance and updating for 2016 – 2017. Parents will be able to access the parent portal on August 23rd to update emergency card information and complete other forms, as well as ascertain student schedules and teacher assignments.

Business and Operations

- 10-Year Capital/Facility Planning
- Transition to MUNIS Financial Platform
- BOE Policy Revisions

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 31st.

As summer draws to a close let's approach the 16-17 academic year with a rejuvenated enthusiasm. Each day presents a new opportunity to support the children of Brookfield in their pursuit of academic, artistic, social and athletic excellence. ***The work ahead starts with each of us as we hold ourselves and each other accountable to ensure the children enjoy an extraordinary educational experience.***

It is an honor to lead the Brookfield Public Schools. As you support and work with your children this upcoming year, please help them set challenging goals and inspire them to stop at nothing to achieve them. As we embark on a wonderful year of learning; thank-you for your continued support of our amazing school system. Further updates from each school will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,



John W. Barile
Superintendent of Schools