



# Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

## Superintendent Update Email

June 2024

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

Summertime is here! I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer, with a little added rest, relaxation, and sun! Please take some time to recharge after quite a year in our district. I thank the BBHCSD school family for their support, acceptance, and warm welcome as an incoming superintendent. Quite honestly, it's felt like I have been here for years. You are to thank for this, and I appreciate how you helped to make my first school year in the BBHCSD successful.

### **Thanks to Everyone Who Participated...**

Thank you to the 400 individuals who participated in our scientific survey, and the additional 285 who took the online survey at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. All told, between the surveys and our community engagement gatherings earlier this spring, approximately 800 individuals have shared their feedback in these forums, all designed to further obtain input on the district. Our administrative team has been hard at work analyzing this data and creating a truly community-based strategic plan. The early drafts are in-place, with the final touches to be added throughout the summer. Next school year will begin year 1 of this multi-year plan, designed to provide a north star for the district, as well as goals and action-steps for accountability, all reflecting our community's values. More to come on this exciting process in the near future.

### **Elementary School Learning Model Shift**

In important news regarding Brecksville-Broadview Heights Elementary School, the district will be implementing a new organizational model at the building for the '24-'25 school year, whereby oversight, instructional approach, and management of Grades K - 2 will fall under the direction of Colleen Toth as principal and Chris Hartland as associate elementary principal. Grades 3-4-5 will follow more of an Intermediate model, and fall under the direction of incoming principal Bob Magyar (no relation) who joins us with exceptional experience leading at both the intermediate and middle school levels, and Tina McCauley, as associate elementary principal. You will learn more about Mr. Magyar, who joins us from the Buckeye Local Schools in the near future. Bryan Bedford is departing to be an assistant principal in another district, and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

The purpose of creating an exclusively K-2 educational footprint while at the same time an exclusively Grades 3-4-5 intermediate model is to properly align leadership, educational resources, behavior, social, and emotional best practices and management at the appropriate grades. We see that the current mode of operation universally applied across grades K-5, does not fully meet the needs of all students by grade-level, and could be more effectively aligned through this new "small school" approach. More information is to come regarding this approach, and we look forward to sharing with you! Thank you in advance!

### **Contract Negotiations Successfully Completed**

The BBHCSD shares this significant news with the community, that our negotiations process was constructively completed over the last several months, with both the Brecksville

Education Association (B.E.A.) and Brecksville Organization of Support Staff (B.O.S.S.). Thank you to everyone who collaboratively and responsibly participated in the negotiations.

### Home Days Upcoming!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming community Home Days, Friday, June 21st through Sunday, June 23rd in Brecksville and also the Broadview Heights Home Days, on Thursday, July 11th through Sunday, July 14th.

Remember, first day of school is Wednesday, August 21st!

Enjoy your summer!

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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