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Dear Floodwood School Families and Community Members,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying a wonderful summer! As we prepare for another exciting school year, I wanted to take a moment to share several updates about the work happening at Floodwood School this summer and some of the changes you can expect this fall.

Summer Updates

Our construction project continues to move forward, and we are pleased with the progress being made. The crews remain on schedule, and we look forward to the improvements that will make our school even more comfortable and efficient, especially during the winter months.

The roofing project is scheduled to begin in July and is another important step in maintaining and improving our school facilities.

June 30th marked the official retirement of Superintendent Hoeft after her two years of dedicated service to Floodwood School. We extend our sincere gratitude for her leadership and commitment to our students, staff, and community, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

With Superintendent Hoeft's retirement, we are excited to welcome Superintendent Libbon to Floodwood School. Through a shared superintendent arrangement with Cromwell-Wright School, Superintendent Libbon brings a wealth of experience and knowledge. We look forward to working together as we continue building on the many positive accomplishments our district has achieved over the past several years.

The Floodwood School district also welcomes Miranda Jurgansen as Business Manager.

Nurse Alea Kozumplik will be taking on an additional duty, Community Education Coordinator, starting in August.

Fall Updates

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, several staffing and classroom changes will help us continue providing a high-quality educational experience for all students.

- First and second grades will continue as a combined classroom with the support of a 0.5 FTE teacher and a paraprofessional. Ms. Lindstrom will work alongside Ms. Lori to provide core instruction and support student learning.
- Ms. Lindstrom will also continue serving as our MTSS Coordinator, a role she began last year that has been instrumental in supporting student success.
- Third and fourth grades will be combined under the leadership of Ms. Olesiak due to smaller class sizes.
- Fifth grade will be taught by Ms. Svatos.
- We are excited to welcome Ms. Renskers as our new sixth-grade teacher.
- Following the retirement of Ms. Jones, we are pleased to welcome Ms. Casteel as our new High School Special Education teacher.
- Ms. Taylor will be returning from leave, and we are thrilled to have art back in our regular schedule.
- Similar to last year, the district calendar includes approximately one staff professional development day each month to support continuous learning and growth for our staff. Please refer to the district calendar for these scheduled staff days - no student days.

Community Involvement

One of the greatest strengths of Floodwood School is our community. We would love to continue strengthening those connections by involving more community members in our school. If you have a special skill, talent, career experience, or area of expertise that you would be willing to share with our students, we would love to hear from you. We also welcome volunteers in a variety of capacities throughout the school year. Your time and involvement make a meaningful difference for our students.

Cell Phones, Personal Communication Devices, and Earbuds

The administration and School Board are currently reviewing our policy regarding cell phones, personal communication devices, and earbuds. At a minimum, the expectations will remain consistent with last year's policy. However, based on growing research regarding the impact of these devices on student learning, focus, and well-being, the district is considering additional restrictions. We will communicate any policy updates with families before the start of the school year.

Principal Survey

As I continue to grow in my role as principal, I greatly value your feedback. A survey is available on the district website at **isd698.org**, and I would sincerely appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete it. Your input helps guide decisions and ensures we continue working together to make Floodwood School the very best it can be for our students, families, staff, and community.

Serving as principal of Floodwood School continues to be an incredible privilege. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated students, staff, families, and community members. I truly cannot imagine being anywhere else, and I look forward to another wonderful year together.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and I look forward to seeing students back in the building September 8th and families at **Open House on September 16th!**

Warm regards,

Principal Fjeld