

April 24, 2022

Dear Parents and Staff,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful weekend.

At the BOE meeting on April 19, we discussed some important items that I wanted to review with you. We are all set to move ahead with our Hawley HVAC project beginning in June and extending through the 2022-23 school year. As you are already aware, our K-1 students will be housed at Sandy Hook Elementary School and Hawley students in grades 2-4 will be housed at Reed Intermediate School. Our pre-school will be housed at Head O' Meadow. Appropriate staff at these grade levels will relocate to specified rooms in each of the buildings. Principals have been meeting with their staff to provide the details, and this process will continue to ensure a smooth transition for all students and staff.

Further, we typically schedule the number of early release days for the end of the year, which is often determined by the number of days that have impacted our calendar due to snow. This year, June 13, 14, 15 and 16 will be two-hour early release days for all buildings. This will accommodate final exams at the high school, provide time for staff and families who will be attending both the Middle School Moving Up (June 14) and Newtown High School commencement ceremonies (June 15 with rain date of June 16). In addition, this time will allow for the packing of rooms to accommodate the Hawley HVAC project.

Looking ahead and for planning purposes, our elementary walkthroughs will take place on August 26th. Elementary principals will share specific information (times) for these walkthroughs in a future communication. However, we have scheduled the walkthroughs for mornings and afternoon sessions at SHES and Reed to allow for Hawley families to get to two schools, if needed. Below is a brief outline:

Hawley families @ SHES - Gr. K-1 morning walkthrough
Hawley families @ Reed - Gr. 2, 3 and 4 - afternoon walkthrough

On a final note, we have end-of-the year events scheduled to celebrate the close of our school year, including concerts. Please consult school websites to stay connected to upcoming events. Our Blackboard app is up and running. If you have any questions about its use, or are having any difficulty accessing, please reach out to us.

We hope you continue to enjoy a beautiful Sunday!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent