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Good morning,

At Tuesday night's school board meeting there were several things that came up for a vote and I wanted you to know about them.

After several meetings of a Finance Subcommittee, the board voted to approve a budget that had several reductions in order to meet the budget approved by the voters in March. Full details are available on the school districts website or you can call me for information. The items that directly affect students and families would be:

- After consideration, students in the sixth grade go to WLC in the fall with the same size of teaching staff that currently exists. There were other options discussed.
- The middle school counselor will become a half time position.
- Families will receive a list of supply items to be provided to support your students, we estimate the cost to be \$20 per student. This will be things like pens, pencils, markers, binder, notebooks, paper, etc.
- Field trip costs will increase by \$5 per student per trip.
- There will be some equipment for co-curricular activities that will not be purchased this year.

The school board voted to work through spring break and end school early on June 5th. The survey of parents that went out had about 140 responses with more than 85% voting to work through the break. If your children are struggling in the distance learning model, reach out to your child's teacher so a plan can be developed to assist your child. We want to work together to make sure that this is the most effective learning process possible.

We will be working with the senior class in finding a way to have a graduation celebration for those students who are completing their education in the school district. The input from students is extremely important as we work through these unusual times. Recognition for students rising from 5th and 8th grade will also be discussed with the staff.

As we continue with distance learning, I want to express my appreciation for the students, parents and staff who are all working together to bring the best possible outcome to our students. Together we can make a real difference.

Sincerely,

Bryan K. Lane