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Dear BPS families:

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the warm summer sun and the final days of summer break as the 2019 – 2020 school year quickly approaches. This summer has passed in a blink and we have been busy preparing for your arrival. This year brings a new Special Education Director, BECEP Coordinator, the start of a Student Support Services Division for BPS, a new elementary principal, and over a hundred new teachers and support staff. The new staff, veteran staff, and I wish all of you a wonderful start to the school year. BPS is a mission-driven school district that believes in partnerships with parents and the community. We know with your support BPS will graduate students with the academic, social, and personal skills to be college, career, and community ready. I believe as BPS and the community continue to find ways to work together, we collectively can inspire a passion for learning, discovery, and excellence for all students. It is with this collective collaboration that we will continue to refine and create opportunities for all students and community members to succeed.

My name is Jason Hornbacher and I will serve as your superintendent for the 2019 – 2020 school year. I grew up in this community and attended Dorothy Moses, Wachter Middle School, and Bismarck High School. I am a proud Veteran of our Armed Services. Bismarck Public Schools has been my employer for 27 of my 29 years in education. It is with this experience as your community neighbor, an instructional aide, teacher, and administrator that I serve you, your children, and this great community.

I would be remiss if I did not share with you the importance of several educational topics of interest close to my heart and my beliefs:

1. Routine, consistency, and structure are important
2. Regular attendance is necessary
3. Opportunities for exploration, discovery, and learning are essential
4. Preparation is required
5. Following through is mandatory in executing strategy
6. Partnerships create opportunities

These are my beliefs and may not be shared by you, but I thought it might be beneficial for all of you to know a little about me. I would also say that learning is a life-long endeavor and I promise all of you to be the lead learner for this district and serve you and your families each day. I am thankful for all the dedicated employees that are here to assist you, serve you, and educate the children and young adults of this community.

In closing, it is with deep gratitude that I say thank you for entrusting your children to BPS. Together we will create the next generation of leaders for this community, state, and nation. Let us work together to make 2019 – 2020 a great school year!

Sincerely,



Jason D. Hornbacher
Superintendent