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Superintendent Update – April 16, 2021

Dear Botetourt County Students, Staff, Parents, and Community:

I hope this update finds you safe and well! I am excited to update you on several announcements made during last night's School Board meeting. More detailed information on each of these events will be communicated in the coming weeks, and are subject to change pending the effects of the pandemic in our area, updated guidelines from the Governor, Centers for Disease Control, or Virginia Department of Health.

BCPS Summer Academy (summer school):

Botetourt County Schools will be holding summer school this year, and is expanding its availability to a wider K-12 student audience. The Summer Academy will be held at each school and focus particularly on math and reading. In addition to being tuition-free, transportation and meal services will be provided for all students. Principals are identifying the students in their buildings who would benefit most from the Summer Academy and will be reaching out to families in coming weeks.

2021 High School Graduation:

We are excited to be holding in-person graduation ceremonies this year for the Class of 2021! Our plans will be in accordance to the guidelines in the most recent executive order issued by the Governor. Information about tickets and the number of guests allowed per graduate will be communicated in coming weeks.


James River High School	Lord Botetourt High School
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 (7:30 PM) James River High School Stadium	Monday, May 24, 2021 (7:00 PM) Salem Civic Center Stadium
Inclement weather make-up day: Wednesday, May 26 (7:30 PM) James River High School Stadium	Inclement weather make-up day: Wednesday, May 26 (5:00 PM) Salem Civic Center Stadium

2020 Graduate Celebration:

As promised, we will be inviting our Class of 2020 graduates back for an in-person celebration now that some restrictions have been lifted. Graduates from both high schools will be invited to gather at the Greenfield Recreation Park on June 2 around 11:00 AM to enjoy lunch, the chance to reconnect, reminisce, and hear from selected speakers from their high schools, the Central Office, and the School Board. An interest survey will be sent out with more details. As with 2021 Graduation, our plans will be in accordance to the guidelines in the most recent executive order issued by the Governor.

I know this has been a uniquely difficult year for our community. Despite the struggles, we have come together and achieved remarkable things. Let's finish this school year strong!

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. Russ, Ed.D.
Superintendent