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Superintendent Update – August 24, 2021

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

I want to make you aware of two new resources that will assist with our school board meetings and providing information for our community:

First, an electronic [Request to Speak Form](#) is now available on the division website under the [School Board meetings page](#). This form will help us prepare for meetings by knowing how many people to plan for and consider whether a change in meeting location is needed. The ability to see when someone completed the form will also help us determine the order of speakers. Those who do not have internet access are encouraged to call the school board office at (540) 473-8263 so the Clerk of the Board, LuAnn Delosreyes, can submit a form on their behalf. All form requests must be submitted by 10:00 AM on the day of the school board meeting.

Secondly, we acknowledge that community members may have questions that aren't answered during school board meetings. We have provided a [form](#) through which individuals can submit their questions to the school board. This [form](#) is available on the school board meetings web page. Responses to these questions will be regularly updated on our website.

In a time when many communities face division over current issues, it is my hope that we can be unified in understanding. We may not always agree, but we can still be one. The education, health, and safety of the students of Botetourt remain our highest priorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan D. Russ".

Jonathan D. Russ, Ed.D.
Superintendent