

*Our mission is to provide equitable opportunities that inspire all students to achieve success and become productive citizens.*

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*Our vision is for performance to be "proficient and beyond" for each student.*

Dear Breckinridge County Learning Community,

Our hearts continue to be saddened by the tragic school shooting in Marshall County, Kentucky and Parkland, Florida. The grief those families, schools, and community members are experiencing is unimaginable. We want you to know that the safety of our students and staff in the Breckinridge County School District continues to be our highest priority. Procedures and protocols are in place to maximize the safety of our students and staff.

Student relationships are vitally important to safety and learning. Our goal is for every child in the Breckinridge County School District to have a strong and positive relationship with peers and adults. Research indicates that children who have access to a trusted adult assist in making kids healthier and schools safer. As we know, our children are growing up in challenging times and need to feel secure in knowing that there are adults and others who will help them when needed. If you have a child in our school district, please ask him/her if he/she has a trusted adult at school who would help in times of need. If he or she does not, let us know, and we will establish a plan to help facilitate one.

School building security is of utmost importance to ensuring safety for our students and staff. Each building in our school district has secured front entrances that provides visitors access to the front office to register. Visitors who will be moving into the school outside of the front office area are required to sign-in and have a legitimate school business purpose. School emergency plans are in place throughout the district, and these plans are practiced. Moving forward, I have asked each of our schools to practice emergency plans again in addition to what has already been done. In addition, we will be talking with our students about what to do in the event that a dangerous situation occurs. We need to make sure our students understand what to do if a dangerous situation occurs at any time of our day (eating breakfast/lunch, class change, in class, PE, etc.).

All of our schools and the majority of our busses are equipped with security cameras in the district. Our school district will continue to increase the number and quality of security cameras in an effort to enhance supervision and promote safety. District and school officials have met with local law enforcement, EMS, and Breckinridge County Emergency Management leaders in the past and will engage in those meetings again in the near future to ensure effective and efficient plans. Drop-off and pick-up times at our schools are organized in a very safe and orderly manner. Also, our school bus drivers do a terrific job transporting students to school safely on a daily basis.

Educating the children of Breckinridge County is a true blessing. Please know that we are committed to providing a safe, orderly, and positive learning environment for all students in the school district. Together, we must continue our partnership in an effort to provide a world class education in a safe and nurturing environment. Never hesitate to contact us if you have suggestions for improvement of safety practices in our schools. Our job is to listen and serve the children of Breckinridge County.

Sincerely,



Nick Carter,  
Superintendent  
Breckinridge County Schools

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