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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is amazing that we are already at the end of yet another school year! It has been a fantastic year filled with great accomplishments across our campus. I am so thankful for the opportunity to lead this district this year and for years to come! Elder Grove has proven to be a one-of-a-kind school that impresses me routinely. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been so supportive of our district this year. We simply would not be as successful as we are without the neverending amount of support we receive from our community. I am so grateful to be a part of a community that is so helpful and generous.

I also wanted to inform you of a couple of changes that will be put into place for next school year. Starting with the 2019-20 school year, we will have early out on every Wednesday at 2 pm. The only exceptions to this will be November 7th, December 20th, and May 29th. These dates are due to Parent-Teacher Conferences, Christmas Break, and the last day of school. As a district, we looked at our current early out schedule and, after much deliberation, decided that it would be best to have a more consistent schedule for all parties. With that in mind, we set out to create a schedule for next year that accomplishes a greater consistency with early out occurring every week at 2 pm, instead of 1 pm.

The other change that will be happening next year is that our K-2 students will no longer be dismissed at 2:15, but rather will be staying until 3 pm. This will provide a universal K-8 dismissal at 3 pm as well as additional time that is needed for our K-2 students. As we considered extending the day for our K-2 students, we discussed it with our staff, reached out to several other districts, reviewed extensive data on the subject, and tried to weigh every angle we could possibly foresee. Throughout this process, we made sure to put the interests of students at the very forefront of every dialogue. We have carefully considered how this additional time will be utilized and we universally acknowledged the necessity of crafting these schedules carefully to allow for students to maximize the learning time very efficiently. Thank you so much for taking note of these changes and have an amazing summer!

Nathan Schmitz
Superintendent

