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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Experiencing this early warm weather has been fantastic. Being outside is refreshing and rejuvenating. I wanted to take a quick moment to update you on some important matters of our district. In our last board meeting, the trustees passed a motion to run a \$3.1M levy request on May 18. After much feedback from many parents and community members it was determined to lower the levy amount for the upcoming school year. A passed levy is very important to our schools as it is each and every year.

I have shared over the past few months that levy requests are nothing new to school districts in Idaho. The State funds education at 70% and the remainder of the budget authority is presented in the form of a levy request. Although the levy request outlined above will not meet all of the budgetary requirements, a passed levy moving forward will get us back on track to providing a strong and suitable education for our students. Thank you for your consideration in making our schools = strong communities.

Covid impacts over the past few months has been very minimal and in some schools completely non-existent. I continue to receive updates from the CDC about the cautions moving forward. Hand washing, recommended mask wearing, distancing measures, are all things we should remain diligent on. Around the corner is spring break with travel and family visits. Thank you in advance for again adhering to sickness protocols – if your child is sick or exhibiting illness, keep them home from school.

Little over a week ago Mountain View School District experienced the passing of our board member, Brad Lutz. This loss is quite impacting to our team, as Mr. Lutz was deeply involved in school business and will be missed greatly. We share in this grief and give our blessing to his family. Mr. Lutz represented zone #5 in our district. Over the next month(s) the board will look to appoint a board member for the remainder of the term (ending Jan. 1st, 2022). If you feel an interest to be involved with a dynamic team of educators, please reach out to the district office with a letter of interest.

I want to thank all of our parents and guardians for the awesome job of having your student(s) ready for school, prepared to learn, extra supports at home and being involved in their learning. Everything from lunch preparations to extra reading time at home are traits that make for strong learners. Thank you!

Can you believe spring break is around the corner? I hope you all have an enjoyable time in whatever your family may be doing. Be safe and be ready for the 4th quarter.

Best,

Todd Fiske
MVSD - Superintendent