



# SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mr. Scott Hough, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Summit Public Schools Community,

I hope everyone is safe and well after last night's storms and flooding. I was able to visit Summit this morning and thankfully did not see significant damage in the area. When I arrived at the schools, I was met with our unbelievably dedicated custodial and maintenance staff members who spent hours assessing our buildings and cleaning up water to ensure we can open our schools tomorrow, September 3rd.

While we did not have severe damage in the District, Brayton Elementary School was impacted the most due to the brook running right behind the building. As of this morning, the water that seeped into the first floor had receded, and some classrooms were left with some damage and areas of saturation. Our staff, along with members of a remediation team, devoted their time and energy today to cleaning Brayton. We will have to relocate a few classrooms in Brayton tomorrow to continue cleaning, but thanks to our team's efforts, we will safely have students and staff back in the building tomorrow, along with the rest of the schools.

While there were some inconveniences with the weather, I am very thankful that everyone is okay and our schools did not suffer any serious damage. I cannot stress enough the incredible and selfless work that was done by our custodial and maintenance staff to make tomorrow's return possible. We all know over the past year and a half, how important it is to have our kids in the classrooms. I am proud of our team and how they continue to make that happen, no matter the obstacles they face. This is another reminder for me how fortunate we are to live and work in a collaborative and caring school community.

I look forward to seeing students and staff tomorrow, and wish everyone a wonderful and safe long weekend.

Be well,

Scott Hough  
Superintendent of Schools