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Dear Brentwood K-5 Families:

After careful consideration, the Brentwood Borough School District has determined that the new Brentwood Elementary School will not be ready for occupancy in time for the start of the 2026-2027 school year. While this is not the news any of us had hoped to share, we believe this decision is in the best interest of our students and staff and allows us to ensure the building meets the high standards our community expects and deserves.

As a result, our Kindergarten through fifth grade students and staff will begin the school year on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**, at **Elroy and Moore Elementary Schools** while construction on the new building is completed. Although the project made significant progress throughout the spring and early summer, factors such as weather and insufficient workforce during critical phases of construction prevented the project from maintaining the pace necessary to meet the contracted completion date.

At this time, we anticipate the facility will be substantially completed by the end of October. However, Pennsylvania Department of Education regulations do not permit a mid-semester move into a new school. This timeline will allow the district to thoroughly test all building systems, complete final inspections, and ensure every aspect of the facility meets our expectations before welcoming students and staff.

Brentwood Elementary students will participate in remote learning on Monday, January 4 and Tuesday, January 5, 2027 to allow teachers and staff time to set up their classrooms. Additional information will be provided soon to families about any other changes to the 2026-27 school calendar as well as class rosters and other items related to the start of school on September 8.

We recognize this delay is disappointing for everyone. Since the beginning of this project, the district has been committed to delivering a school that reflects the investment our community has made. We will not cut corners or accept work that does not meet the standards established for this transformational facility. Taking the necessary time now will ensure that when students and staff enter the building in January, they will do so with confidence that every system has been thoroughly tested and every space is ready to support teaching and learning.



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At this time, the School Board is not extending the agreed to substantial completion date of August 14. There are contractors who will incur financial liability for not meeting the contracted completion date for the facility. Those penalties will be paid to the Brentwood Borough School District.

During November and December, we look forward to introducing our school community to the new building through open houses and other events. Additional information regarding school operations, traffic patterns, arrival and dismissal procedures, and other important details will be shared later this fall.

Thank you for your understanding. While we are disappointed, we are approaching this fall as the start of the new Brentwood Elementary School. The teachers, staff and administration are committed to having an outstanding first semester in Elroy and Moore, while sharing some of the many exciting and modern features of the new school that students will be able to enjoy in less than six months!

Sincerely,

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