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Dear School Board Members,

Below is a list of the minor changes for the 2021-2022 elementary student handbook. Changes include staff revisions, updating language, and add underlining to some specific sections for clarification. The on-line version is formatted differently with these changes applied for the new school year after your approval.

Changes are marked in **red**.

If you have questions/concerns regarding the elementary handbook, please contact our principal group and we can help you.

Thank you,
Bemidji Elementary Principals

List of Changes:

1. **Central Elementary** has been removed throughout the handbook.
 - a. We now have six, not seven, elementary schools.
2. **New Board Member** added: **Gabriel Warren - 308-7105**
3. **Devices clarification-** Personal electronic devices (video games, iPads, etc.) are discouraged during the school day, **unless requested by the teacher to support on-line learning.**
4. **Testing clarification-** **MAP** tests are taken on the computer; All students in grade three-**five** must take...
5. **Snacks-** According to State Law, treats must be **individually wrapped** and store bought-added language from COVID regulations.
6. **District Code of Conduct-** **Parents/guardians should read over this document with their children to understand the District Code of Conduct.**
7. **BULLYING PROHIBITION POLICY-** This policy also applies to an act of cyberbullying regardless of whether such act is committed on or off school district property and/or with or without the use of school district resources. – Added underline to note cyberbullying.
8. **BULLYING PROHIBITION POLICY** –“Cyberbullying” means bullying using technology or other electronic communication, including, but not limited to, a transfer of a sign, signal, writing, image, sound, or data, including a post on a social network Internet website or forum, transmitted through a computer, cell phone, or other electronic

device. The term applies to prohibited conduct which occurs on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, on school transportation, or on school computers, networks, forums, and mailing lists, or off school premises to the extent that it substantially and materially disrupts student learning or the school environment. - Added underline to note cyberbullying.

9. **Internet Policy**-We believe that the valuable information and communication possibilities far outweigh the negative aspects of this service. We have developed the following Elementary Usage Guidelines/Agreements. Please go over these guidelines with your child. Students and parents/guardians must sign these agreements to use the Internet/Network independently at school - Added underline to internet policy.