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Dear Jasper students and families:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new and returning families to the 2022-2023 school year! As the new school year is quickly approaching, I would like to personally welcome each of you back to another exciting and fun packed school year. We look forward to partnering with you and your children as we continue our mission to empower our students to reach their full potential.

I am excited to inform you of all the great improvements our district has made over the past 12 months. We have worked very hard to make our campus beautiful and welcoming to all students and visitors. I am sure you have noticed the new flag poles and digital sign. We were very blessed to have local donations which helped fund that project. We have made several other improvements that will not be easily recognized because of their location. Soon the new roof coating will be complete, we are currently installing new HVAC units on top of the Tabler Gymnasium. The new key fob entry has been completed and is up and running. We have completed the new fire alarm system and have added multiple security cameras throughout the campus. MODOT is currently working on our drainage issue in front of the elementary school and they anticipate this to be completed very soon.

With the value our board and staff place on safety, the board discussed and voted to hire a private company to train selected anonymous staff members to carry concealed weapons. This has been in discussion for more than a year and it coincides with the district strategic plan.

The vision of the Jasper R-V School District is to achieve excellence and be a source of pride that positively impacts our community. We believe it is important to utilize all resources to make this vision a reality. We have revamped the K-12 counseling department. Mrs Pope will oversee the district

counseling services. We have reassigned two staff members to become RootEd advisors. They are Laura Hensley and Tyler Gripka. Their new roles will include career readiness for all students. Mr. Gripka will continue to serve as elementary counselor as part of his duties. Mrs. Hensley will still act as FFA Instructor as part of her duties.

Mrs. Lisa Shouse has filled a need in the Central Office. She will act as the Executive Director of Students Services and she will be the main contact for any SPED related questions or concerns. Mr. Kirk Bromley is the Director of Transportation and he will schedule bus routes and bus trips. If you have questions or concerns with transportation issues, please contact him.

We hope to see you at the Back to School event on Thursday, August 18th to meet the teachers from 5:00pm-6:00pm and the Booster Club BBQ/Meet the Players event from 6:00pm-8:00pm. If you can not make this event, I look forward to seeing everyone on August 22nd.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric Findley, Superintendent