



# Daniel J. Bakie Elementary School

August 20, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

School safety is an important issue and one that is always under review in the Sanborn Regional School District. In the wake of several tragic incidents that have occurred in schools nationwide, the Superintendent formed a District Safety Advisory Team to audit our current practices. That work is ongoing and any further updates or changes to our practices will certainly be communicated in the future.

However, there is one change that has already occurred at Bakie School that I wanted to make families aware of as the new school year begins. ***All exterior doors will remain locked at all times.*** In the past, certain doors were unlocked for a short period of time as staff and students were arriving in the morning and leaving in the afternoon. The only exception to this is the exterior front door that leads to the main office. It will remain unlocked during school hours, but all visitors will need to sign in and be given access from school personnel.

This change will mostly affect families that access the YMCA program. I have been in contact with YMCA staff over the summer and they are taking steps to make sure that student drop-off and pick-up procedures can continue as efficiently as possible. Specific details about these procedures will be communicated to Bakie families by YMCA personnel.

Students attending activities before school (i.e. band & intramurals) will need to enter through the main office and should look for school personnel to gain access. Building access needs for evening events (i.e. Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts) will be coordinated through the facility use form. Please note that propping doors open will not be allowed.

I appreciate your patience with this as I believe this is a necessary step for us to take to improve the safety of our students and staff.

Sincerely,



Chris Snyder,  
Principal