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Welcome to the Mankato Area Public Schools!

As a parent or guardian of a student in our schools, you are our most important and valued partner in the work of our school district. "Assuring learning excellence and readiness for a changing world" is the mission statement that drives our work every day, and we are thrilled to have you join us on this exciting journey.

Our records indicate you have an incoming kindergartner to Mankato Area Public Schools starting in September 2020. We are enclosing a checklist of items that need to be completed for Kindergarten Registration.

## Registration will be held January 13 to February 14, 2020

Please bring all required documents for Kindergarten Registration to the Central Registration Office located at 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Early childhood screening is required for entrance into kindergarten. All incoming kindergartners must be screened before they start kindergarten. This is a FREE service that supports your child's readiness for kindergarten. If your child has not yet been screened, please call 507-387-2125 to schedule an appointment.

If you are not planning to enroll your child in kindergarten this fall, please call the Central Registration office at 507-387-2125.

Later this year, you will be invited to participate in Kindergarten Roundup at your child's elementary school on Thursday, April 16, 2020. During your Roundup visit you will meet the kindergarten teachers, learn about the school and meet the building principal. Details about Roundup will come directly from your child's school a few weeks before the event.

The kindergarten year is most important because it is the beginning of your child's formal education. We look forward to working with you so your child's kindergarten experience is fun, productive and filled with rich learning experiences. We are committed to safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environments that reflect our core values of integrity, respect, excellence, adaptability, responsibility, engagement and collaboration.

Our school staff looks forward to meeting you and your student and making kindergarten a great experience for your family.

Sincerely,

Paul Peterson Superintendent