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Dear Fifth Grade Families:

We wanted to reach out to you to let you know that Boynton Middle School is working hard on the upcoming 5th to 6th grade transition. We are in the midst of reimagining some systems during this challenging time and wanted to let you know that your child's upcoming transition to Boynton is a top priority of ours. Please allow us to share some of the work currently underway.

We're offering a virtual event for all incoming Boynton families so you can learn more about our community. We will share a typical 6th grade schedule, share some tips regarding a successful transition, and have time for families to ask questions. We will offer two sessions to help accommodate different family schedules. The first session will be June 9th at 9:30 AM and the second session will be June 10th at 6:00 PM. Please pick the time that works best for you and be on the lookout for an invite to this event. This event is geared primarily to caregivers, as we have multiple other projects in the works.

For incoming 6th grade students, we currently have several initiatives underway. Current Boynton 6th graders are hard at work creating an interactive E-Book for your children all about Boynton Middle School through the eyes of 6th graders. This will be shared with all 5th grade students in the coming weeks. We are also working on a welcome to Boynton video from each of the 6th grade teachers so that students can begin to meet their new teaching team. Of further note, Boynton teachers and several Boynton student volunteers will be visiting each 5th grade virtual classroom so that 5th graders can ask any questions about their new school. We are also hoping to create a video tour of the building as well. Current 5th grade teachers will also be meeting with 6th grade Boynton staff virtually in the coming weeks so we can begin to learn as much as we can about your child. Lastly, we plan to stay in close communication with families and students over the summer and will be looking for further ways to begin connecting your child to Boynton over the summer. We understand this is a very difficult time for our community and know it is very important to focus much attention on making your child feel welcomed and comfortable as they enter their new school community. Please reach out to either of us via email if you have any questions or concerns about your child's transition to Boynton. We look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,

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