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Dear Caledonia Friends and Families:

I want to personally thank all of you for your patience and understanding over the past few days. This is our sixth day in a row of record high temperatures in West Michigan. We never expect to have this kind of heat in late September. Generally, the heat does not necessitate changing our schedule, however, three of our elementary school buildings do not have air-conditioned classrooms. Last week we adjusted our daily schedules, limited the physical activity of our students and employed other strategies to cool down those buildings without air conditioning.

After all of our efforts, we still received reports that some classroom temperatures were in excess of 85 degrees. High temperatures over the weekend continued to heat those buildings without air conditioning. Consequently, the decision was made to hold only half days of school yesterday and today in order to avoid the hottest part of the day. We understand that this may have caused hardship for some families. Our intent is not to cause hardship, only to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for all students.

We are committed to providing outstanding service to our community, and we thank you for your understanding and support. Please note that Wednesday is a previously scheduled half-day of school and normal after-school childcare will be provided by the YMCA. We look forward to resuming our regular schedule on Thursday.

Sincerely,

Randy Rodriguez Superintendent