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Greetings Future Bronco Families:

Let me be the first to welcome you and your student to Bailey Middle School. We are happy that you have chosen us as the place to begin your middle school journey. I know that many of you are nervous about the transition, but we are committed to doing all we can to make middle school a very positive experience. The first step to a successful start is the registration process. The information provided in this packet will help guide you through class registration.

Students in middle school take four core academic courses daily. These include **Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies**. All four classes meet on a daily basis for approximately sixty-five minutes each. Placement in Language Arts and Math will be determined using a six-part rubric which includes: 5th grade teacher recommendations, 4th grade EOGs, 5th grade EOGs, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data, Talent Development (TD) certification, and report card performance. Placement in Science and Social Studies is a mix of students to create more heterogeneous classes.

Selection of **elective courses** is also very important. On the registration card, please number your choices with “1” being your top choice to “5” being your last choice of interest. Students take an elective course every day and they are scheduled for two electives every semester on a rotating A day/B day schedule. All students in middle school are required to take Health and Physical Education. ***We are now also requiring that all of our students take a computer class (CTE) in 6th grade, unless you are enrolled in a yearlong elective (Band or Orchestra).*** Band and Orchestra are the only yearlong elective courses that we offer to sixth grade students. Exploratory Spanish is a semester long class in 6th grade, but can be taken as a year-long elective for high school credit in 7th and 8th grade. If students are interested in Band or Orchestra, please fill out the enclosed permission form and turn it in with your registration card. Please note that students will only be able to take one year-long course in 7th and 8th grade due to the PE/Health requirement.

We will be hosting our annual Bronco Round-Up and Open House in August as an orientation for families to meet teachers, tour our school, and get advice on how to function successfully in middle school. The date for the Bronco Round-Up is tentatively set for Wednesday, August 26, yet this is subject to change with adjustments to the CMS calendar. We will offer several sessions throughout the day to accommodate the large number of families. These assigned times by last name will be publicized this summer.

We are excited about your child’s future at Bailey Middle School. We know that your child will love being a Bronco. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions you may have during the registration process. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at chad.thomas@cms.k12.nc.us. I can also be reached at 980-343-1068 during school hours.

Warmest Regards,

Chad O. Thomas
Principal