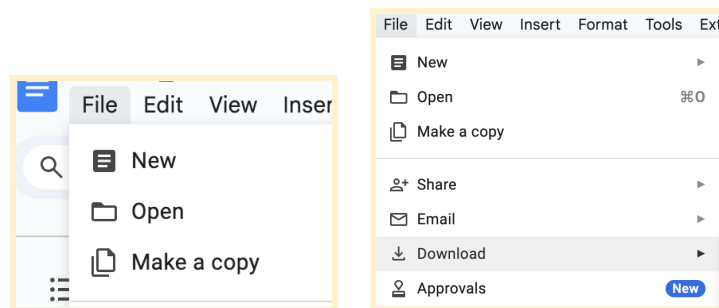




Juneteenth 2024 TEMPLATE LETTER TO FAMILIES



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Dear <NAME_OF_SCHOOL_DISTRICT> Families:

We invite you to join us in celebrating Juneteenth!

In the 2023 legislative session, Governor Tim Walz signed legislation establishing Juneteenth as an official state holiday. We are proud to join with other districts in Minnesota to celebrate this year on Wednesday, June 19.

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. On this date in 1865, some of the last enslaved people in the United States learned of their emancipation in Texas. This was nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The holiday has been celebrated ever since that historic moment.

To honor Juneteenth, all <NAME_OF_SCHOOL_DISTRICT> schools and offices will be closed. We will resume our normal activities on Thursday, June 20.

In <NAME_OF_COMMUNITY>, we will be celebrating Juneteenth by <ADD_DETAIL>.

In our district, we believe it is important for our students to learn about our nation's history, including both positive and negative events that have shaped who we are today. All activities and learning opportunities will align with our board-approved curriculum at all grade levels.

I encourage you to take some time to learn more about the history of Juneteenth and engage your student in a conversation about what they have learned in class. Thank you for your support as we recognize this important holiday!

Sincerely,

<NAME> <NAME>, <POSITON>
<NAME_OF_SCHOOL_DISTRICT>