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Julia Tidball, Superintendent

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Dear Families,

We've reached the last week of a tumultuous school year. Together we have navigated power outages, school closures due to COVID, and a radical and abrupt change to distance learning instruction. Now we are faced with planning for uncertainty regarding when we will be able to return to our campuses coupled with significant state-level budget cuts. Throughout all of these trials, we remain committed to providing the very best education possible to our students. You have my sincere gratitude and deep respect for supporting your child and our staff during distance learning and the impact on our students and families.

This week Superintendent Paula Wyant and I joined the other school leaders in our county to discuss plans for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. All those in attendance agreed that at this time it is not practical or financially feasible to attempt to re-open the school campuses and maintain social distance. We agreed that instead, we must plan to reopen our campuses with precautions in place to ensure the safety and health of our students and staff. If this is not possible, or allowed by the Public Health Officer, we would need to continue with distance learning for our students.

We need your feedback as we navigate these uncharted waters. Please take a moment to complete our Distance Learning Feedback survey by going to the following link. We would appreciate both student and family member feedback:

<https://forms.gle/Hvh779ns7dxYZgwX8>

As you know, conditions and restrictions have changed rapidly throughout the school year. We will share with you any new information as it becomes available through your email.

Finally, I wish that I could say my farewell in person. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of professionals during my twenty-five years with the District. I wish you all the very best and know that the District will continue to grow under the leadership of Paula Wyant.

Sincerely,

Julia Tidball

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