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Dear Cleveland Road Families,

It seems like such a long time that we have been together as a school community! When we all left last year for spring break, little did we know that life as we knew it would soon change! Over the last few months our families, community, and nation have seen adversity and challenges that we never expected to endure. I am certain that each family has been impacted in some form or fashion over the last few months.

As the school year came to an end the district looked to the future and started considering what school might be like for the upcoming school year. I was asked to serve on the Reopening Task Force, representing elementary schools, but also the communities served on the west side of the county. The task of planning for and preparing to open the district in the midst of a pandemic and the unknown was not an easy task. The task force worked throughout the summer, always keeping the safety of students, teachers, and families in the forefront of each discussion and decision. The ever-changing data and the increase in cases in our community led to the decision to go virtual kindergarten through 12th grade. It was not an easy decision.

As the principal of Cleveland Road Elementary School, I want to assure you that our staff is committed to educating your child to the very best of our ability, be it from a distance or in the school building. CRES teachers are eager to begin preparing for the upcoming school year and are anxious to learn more about distance learning and how to best engage students. I can assure you that the distance learning that will take place this fall will be drastically different from what your child experienced in the spring. With ample time to plan and prepare, teachers will be able to provide instruction much like they would provide in the classroom setting.

In the coming days and weeks, I will be sharing with you important information about how we will handle Open House, the deployment of devices and materials, and other helpful information.

While this is not a situation that any of us could have imagined, as a school community, we can work together to ensure that the CRES community comes together and is stronger in the end! As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Blessed to be CRES!

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