

A message of hope and encouragement

Yes, our schools are closed but public education continues. Yes, our teachers and staff members are not at school, but they are working to provide their students with the best possible education, albeit remotely. Yes, our students are not in attendance, but they are at the center of everything we are trying to do. We do not know how long our schools will be closed, but we do know that we will continue doing everything humanly possible to let our students, parents and staff know that our public schools will continue providing all the support they need until our schools reopen.

We celebrate our teachers and staff who are doing everything possible to provide their students and parents with a form of public education without their classrooms. We celebrate our parents for their support of our teachers and staff during this unprecedented time. We celebrate our students who are doing amazing things with their remote learning.

Sometimes it takes something of this magnitude to remind us all about the important things in life. From our families, neighbors and community members to our first responders, healthcare providers and public servants like our teachers, we hope and pray for everyone's wellbeing and safety. As that old saying goes, "The most important things in life aren't things." So, we offer to everyone this message of hope and encouragement:

- 1) Public school teachers and staff - Thank you for all you are doing to help our students, parents and respective communities.
- 2) Students - We miss you and we will do everything we can do to ensure that you have what you need during this time. Please reach out to your teachers, counselors, and administrators - we will help you get through this time.
- 3) Parents - Thank you for your encouragement of and support for our teachers and staff during this time. We are here to assist you however possible.

As often attributed to Thomas Jefferson, we believe an "educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people." Our public schools in Tippecanoe County will continue providing a high-quality education to our students because of the passion, dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, administration, and school boards. We will never give up on our students, and we are committed to providing every student with a free and appropriate education, no exceptions. We will see you soon!

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