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Dear Staff,

As we near the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for all you have done to support our students through the year and especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 17, 2020 it was announced that all in class face to face instruction was suspended indefinitely and that we would be moving to a remote learning model of delivery. From that date on each one of you accepted the challenge and developed and delivered a continuity of learning program that supported students and continued to provide learning experiences. Each one of you discovered new ways of class interaction, new ways of remotely supporting both groups and individual students and most importantly you found ways to connect with students, support their learning and help them through this global crisis.

I am so grateful and proud of the work and dedication each one of you has exhibited over the past year. I know our students have been and will continue to be well supported through their educational journey in School District 71.

As we look to the Fall it is our hope that our students will return to school under normal face to face instruction. I know that having students back in our schools this month was welcomed by everyone and a sign of hope for the fall.

Once the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Officer have given us direction for the fall, we will provide more details to you. We are anticipating some type of announcement in mid to late August.

Lastly, I wish you all a well deserved restful, relaxing, and safe summer. I encourage you to take some time to reflect on the positive work you completed this year and the difference you have made in the lives of our students.

Thank you very much, take care of yourself and each other.

Respectfully,

Tom Demeo

Superintendent of Schools