March 21, 2020

Dear CLPS Families,

So many heroes are working every day to get America through this pandemic. We are all praying for our medical personnel, our first responders, and those who keep shelves stocked and grocery stores open. I am so thankful and amazed by their tenacity, commitment to humanity, and self-sacrifice.

I am also in awe of another group who is giving of themselves every day in an effort to continue to take care and love on our students and their families. Our food service department is exhausted. They are not complaining, but you can see it on their faces, yet they have come back every morning to pack food and distribute it all around the district. Our bus drivers have joined this group to make sure that families from one side of the district to the other have the opportunity to get food. Please note: Starting this week, buses will deliver multiple days’ worth of food on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Our central office staff reported all last week and spoke to families, worked with teachers, met with principals, and given the latest information, made the best possible plans to keep our families safe, fed, and engaged.

Fear of the unknown is a common state of mind, and everyone’s lives have been impacted. My four kids and their spouses are experiencing this time in a variety of ways. Five of them are still reporting to work. The boys have grieved over layoffs that they have had to impose and have been told by some of these folks that they will lose everything without their full paychecks. I have spoken to the boys and have seen how incredibly stressed out and sad they are. Three of our kids have children and worry about their safety. Marty and I, according to our kids, are in the high risk category due to our age. We are blessed to be healthy, but I have friends who are battling cancer and have seriously depressed immune systems, and I pray without ceasing for them and others in the same situation.

This virus is impacting every single one of us. No one is immune to the crisis, but together we can continue to do our best to serve those who need us. We will continue to update you on this evolving situation through our school messenger system, social media, and our website, http://www.clps.org/apps/pages/Coronavirus.

I think about you every day and pray for safety and well-being for everyone.

Sincerely,

Eve Kaltz
Superintendent

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