

Dear Plainville Families,

I hope you are staying healthy and well. The hallways of our schools have been eerily quiet. It reminds me of the month of July when only a few students and staff are present. The quiet of July is nice for a few weeks but then I long for the noise of learning. Today and all week long I have definitely been longing for that positive, happy noise. During the past few weeks I have been so proud of our staff for all of their efforts. Our food service staff have been in several times per week to handle food distribution for families in need. Custodians have been deep cleaning repeatedly to ensure that those few who are present remain safe. They have also started to work on projects originally scheduled for this summer. The administrative team (Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. RP, Ms. Callow, Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. White and Mr. Stone) have worked tirelessly to make sure our students, families and staff are checked on frequently and remain in good spirits. And our teaching staff, our great teaching staff who have connected regularly with students, families and each other to keep learning alive. We all miss you dearly.

The teaching and learning that is being offered has evolved quickly and will continue to do so as we respond to a new set of guidelines released yesterday by the Commissioner of Education. Commissioner Riley is currently finalizing a parent letter which provides details for Remote Learning. This information will be forwarded to you early next week once we receive it.

In addition to meeting the new guidelines we are also committed to helping families that may need access to devices at home in order to engage in on-line learning opportunities. Please let your child's teacher or Mrs. Campbell or Mrs. RP know if we can be of assistance.

Please note also that today's message will be posted on the district website under Superintendent Messages. Earlier today you should have received a short family survey via email. If you did not see it I suggest you check your junk or clutter email folders. If you still don't see it a link to the survey can be found on our district website. Please complete this survey over the weekend so that we can review your feedback and adjust our actions moving forward.

In closing, please know that we miss you and please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Thank you.

Dave Raiche
Superintendent
Plainville Public Schools