



# EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 2020

Dear Learners of the Eastern Lancaster County School Community-

I wish to take a moment to offer my most sincere thanks for your efforts and the sacrifices that you are making to ensure the safety of OUR school community. Likewise, I so appreciate those of you who have chosen to learn from home...not easy. Know that you are still a part of our school community and we cannot wait until we are all together again. We have been "back in school" for nearly three weeks and have not had a COVID case, that we are aware, in any of the school buildings to date. While eventually that will likely happen, I am proud of the efforts that both you and the adults of this organization have made to keep us successfully moving forward. I fully recognize and acknowledge the sacrifices that you are making:

- Limited social interaction with your friends because of cohorting.
- The reduction of interactive classroom activities that would normally occur.
- The fact that elementary learners are eating lunch in their classrooms.
- That many of you do not leave a single classroom for most or all of the day.
- The restrictions, cancellations, and postponement of so many afterschool activities.
- The restrictions you face on buses and while eating in the cafeteria.
- And of course, the constant wearing of masks to protect one another.

...just to name a few!

Simply put, I am sorry that you have to make such sacrifices; I am sorry that you must do these things; I am sorry that we as a Nation and as *one-world* are facing a common enemy; and I am sorry that the routines that we enjoy and that you deserve, must be curtailed and sacrificed at this time in *our* history.

I APPLAUD YOU and believe that your efforts and sacrifices give us ALL hope that our future truly is in good hands. We look forward to learning and growing with you in the days, months, and years to come.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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