

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the 2019-2020 school year will be completed. My appreciation and gratitude is unmeasurable for your support and understanding during our statewide shutdown. I also thank our students and staff for their wiliness and their ability to adapt to the unprecedented changing circumstances. We understand that the Continuity of Learning was not perfect, but we learned a great deal, and our staff will strive to improve that educational process in the future. Parents you will be receiving a short survey after June 15, to get your input on how you feel we can improve. Please do take a few moments to complete that survey.

As we move forward to the 2020-21 school year, I understand that there will be many questions/concerns about what school will look like when students are allowed to return to school. We do understand these concerns. As we begin the planning process, decisions will align with the District's vision and strategic plan, and what we determine to be in the best interest of our students and staff. The health and welfare of our students, staff, and community will continue to be a priority in the decisions we make. We will be exploring multiple plans/options for reopening in the fall. At this time, we are not sure what those plans/procedures will be specifically, much will depend on the best information we have at the time. We will use multiple sources for guidance in making any future reopening plans/procedures. These will include the CDC, state and local public health officials, and the Wisconsin Department of Instruction. Our liability insurance and school attorney's will also be consulted in the decision making process as well. It is important to listen to the experts, our community, be socially responsible, and continue to provide the best education we can in these extraordinary times. Our goal is to have final plans/educational options completed by July 31, which will then be communicated to parents, students and staff. This will allow time for everyone to prepare for the 2020-21 school year start. Please understand however, any plan that is developed may need to change due to the ever changing nature of this pandemic.

Despite the challenges that we all will face in the coming months, I am confident our school and community will grow even stronger by facing these challenges together. In closing, congratulations to our 2020 graduates, best wishes for great success in all your future pursuits. I also want to congratulate and thank all of our teaching and support staff employees who are retiring. Their many years of dedicated service to the School District of Tomahawk is very much appreciated. We will miss you!

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