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Dear Union #28 Families,

The end of the school year is fast approaching; the end of one of the most unusual school years any of us have ever seen. In my thirty-plus years in education, I never imagined a school year ending in the way these last months have unfolded. I want to thank all of you personally for the way you have supported the staff and your own children in teaching and learning over the past four months. It has been a true home-school partnership like never before. It certainly has not always been easy, but we have all persevered in one way or another to support our learners.

I know you have been hearing from your children's teachers and principal about certain end-of-the-year activities and wrap-ups. I hope that, even though things feel and look different, that these end-of year moments bring a sense of closure to the school year for your children and that as restrictions are relaxed, there are some treasured summer activities and traditions that you and your family can share in.

I think all of us are wondering what the fall will look like for our schools. Please know that the entire Union #28 Leadership Team is actively researching and discussing re-opening and are crafting preliminary plans as we await further guidance from the Governor and the Commissioner of Education. Commissioner Riley has assembled a task force of key stakeholders to assist the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the planning for re-opening. In a statewide meeting on May 27th with all superintendents, the Commissioner has shared that the state guidance from DESE regarding re-opening will be issued some time in mid-June. As an administrative team, we will continue our planning work, follow guidance when received and once our plan is crafted, share that information with families. I again want to thank you for all of your support during these last few months.

"It takes a village to raise a child," means quite simply, that an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. Never has this been more true.

Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,



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