

March 31, 2020

Dear Fellow Trustees:

Like you, when I first ran for my local School Board, I knew we would face a challenge from time-to-time. I expected the inevitable funding issue to come up, state and federal mandates, building needs, and the list goes on; but never would I have imagined a pandemic. A single virus that would close schools, disrupt instruction and cause concern for so many, young and old. Over the last few weeks, we have all seen the images of health care workers, first responders and our military working so hard to save lives. We have seen local business owners struggling to keep their workers employed, yet these same businesses still look for ways to support their community through tough times.

Through all of this we have looked on with pride as our teachers work with their students remotely, as our districts provide food for thousands of students and children, as our leaders work to make the not-so-normal day, more normal. At the end of the day we see an optimistic spirit within the educational community, one we must keep.

Please join me in thanking our teachers, administrators and school staff members for their dedication to our students. Like us, and everyone else, they face every day with uncertainty, but they move on. Thank your parents for their support. Thank your employers for supporting the parents. And most especially, give our students the thanks, love and support they need now, and tomorrow.

None of us know what next steps we will face. Today, we need to teach our students, feed and support them where possible and remain positive. Not an easy task, but one we can, and must do.

Please know that we appreciate everything you do as a Trustee in making South Carolina a better place and ensuring that our students are ready for their future.

Prayers and love to you all!



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