

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY EDUCATION CENTER

STEVEN KOLDEN, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community Members,

On behalf of the Colby School Board, we want to publicly thank our hard-working teachers, support staff, custodians, food service workers, bus drivers, administrative staff and administrators for their commitment and dedication to our students.

We never imagined that we'd be in a situation like this. Like you, we're saddened by the turn of events and the fact that our students are missing out on activities, milestones and their normal day-to-day interactions.

But we're proud of how the Colby School District has kept its focus on serving students. When we closed our buildings in March, our staff quickly implemented a new distance learning plan and we're adapting. We have an incredible team.

Our food service staff continue to provide meals for our students. We are averaging 400 meals per day to families of the Colby School District.

We would also like to thank the entire staff of the Colby School District for their vision in rethinking education during this crisis and the diligence in carrying out that vision every day.

Finally, we want to thank you, our district families. We know these past few weeks haven't been easy and we have weeks to go yet before the summer break begins. Please know that the Colby School District stands ready to assist you.

We are all on this journey together. We are your public school district and we want to do everything we can to continue educating and supporting the children of our community.

Although our buildings and facilities are closed, our district is not. We're home to some of the best students and staff, and they will finish the school year strong.

We look forward to joining with you later this summer to celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors. And we look forward to seeing you at other school events soon.

We are Colby, Dorchester and Unity **STRONG!** #colbyhornets

Sincerely,

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