



## Seymour | COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

It is not often but there are those rare occasions we experience history in the making. With Governor Holcomb's announcement on April 2, 2020 for schools to remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, a new chapter in our district's history is being written.

- Yes, our schools are closed, but our students' education continues.
- Yes, our teachers and staff members are not at school, but they are working to provide students with the best possible education, in ways like never before.
- Yes, our students are not in attendance, but they are at the center of everything we do.

Since this journey started, we have learned and accomplished so much. Even with the turmoil sudden change can bring, there are so many things to celebrate.

- We celebrate our students who are doing amazing things in this new learning environment.
- We celebrate our parents for their willingness to learn new ways to support their children.
- We celebrate our teachers and staff who are doing everything possible to provide students and parents with a new form of education outside their classrooms.

Sometimes it takes something of this magnitude to remind us all about the important things in life. From our families, neighbors and community members to our first responders, health care providers and public servants like our teachers, cafeteria workers, and custodians, we hope and pray for everyone's well-being and safety.

As that old saying goes,

*"The most important things in life aren't things."*

With this in mind, we choose for this chapter in our history to convey a message of hope, encouragement and accomplishment:

1. **Students:** We miss you and we will do everything we can to ensure that you have what you need during this time. We call on you to do all you can to get the most from your online instruction and the remaining days in this school year. Please reach out to your teachers, counselors and administrators — we will help you.
2. **Parents:** We support you. We know that you will be called upon to participate in your child's education unlike any time in history. Please reach out to teachers, counselors and administrators to provide help and guidance.
3. **The Entire School Community:** We need you. Please know that this situation is very fluid. It changes not only from day to day but sometimes minute to minute. This chapter in our history will call for more patience and flexibility than ever before. We've witnessed in recent days the many ways our schools and community have stepped up. We appreciate this and will need that community spirit more than ever in the days ahead.
4. **The Senior Class of 2020:** We see you. We understand this change impacts you perhaps more than anyone. We are working to find ways to give you the honor and recognition you have earned.

As often attributed to Thomas Jefferson, we believe an “educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people.” Seymour Community School Corporation will continue providing a high-quality education to our students because of the passion, dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, administration and school board. We will never compromise on that commitment, and we will provide every student with a free and appropriate education, no exceptions.

Stay Safe and Stay Connected!

*Seymour Community Schools*