

Dear Bloomfield Faculty & Staff,

The sentiment of this letter is to let you know how much we are thinking about you and how much we support you. Your instructional leadership and dedication to all students at BCS is especially appreciated and admired during this Pandemic. The Bloomfield School District has always been a special place for student learning. What makes the District so special is your continued focus on providing the best for our students, while creating an environment of support and encouragement. Over the past two weeks, we have seen that all of the things that make our District special have remained intact, but under incredibly different circumstances. You have demonstrated incredible flexibility to meet the needs of our students and community through your efforts to ensure a safe environment for students, while providing the supports needed as result of COVID-19. Who would have ever thought such change would need to occur? While we will no doubt continue to face new challenges in order to protect ourselves and each other from this insidious virus, we are confident you will continue to place the needs of our students first.

When COVID-19 spread to our region, a group of school and community leaders began to meet weekly. The main objective was to share the latest information about the virus and how we could work together to protect everyone from its rapid spread. We shared ideas, exchanged the latest information and worked collaboratively to sort out complex and conflicting information from various agencies and governments. Those included NYS Education Department, Center for Disease Control, NYS Department of Health, Ontario County Department of Health and NYS Governor's Office.

We continue to meet weekly, and also discuss new information off-line in between our zoom meetings. Our Crisis Team includes representation from the School District. As a result, we have been made aware of the incredible challenges that you have faced since the close of school last year. Those challenges included providing remote instruction, building connections with students remotely, creating new ways to provide students opportunities to continue to be a part of school events and activities, and the extraordinary challenge of offering a meaningful graduation to the class of 2020. We have heard firsthand how difficult it has been to create a reopening plan that brings students back, while prioritizing safety in an effort to open the 2020-2021 school year under severely limiting conditions. We could not be more proud of your efforts and want you to know we are aware of, and sympathize with the frustrations, anxiety and stress you are experiencing.

Therefore, we want to emphasize to each and every one of you how much we appreciate your work and dedication to all students each day at BCS, whether they are in person or at home in a remote classroom. Please know that the Village of Bloomfield, the Town of East Bloomfield, the Town of West Bloomfield and the Town of Bristol are behind you and stand at the ready to support you and your efforts in any way possible. The Crisis Team will continue to meet and we

will always do whatever it takes to maximize your well being and the well being of everyone in this special community.

You are in our hearts. We proud of you and are prepared to assist you as we move forward and upward on behalf of students.

Respectfully,

The Crisis Team

Todd Campbell, Supervisor West Bloomfield

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Bob Green, Supervisor Town of Bristol

Fred Wille, Supervisor Town of East Bloomfield

Cc: Andy Doell, Superintendent of Schools Bloomfield Central School District