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An Open Letter to "My Kids" with Love



Dear Students:

It seems like forever when all of you rushed to your classes, told a joke to a friend, giggled at something funny, questioned what was on your lunch tray and worked very hard to achieve high grades. Suddenly, with little warning, our world as we knew it, was taken away. We never had time to say goodbye to all our friends and tried to hide our tears as we feared the unknown.

I want you to know that your teachers, your counselors, the secretaries, the custodians and security guards are feeling the same. I too feel the same. I miss being in school terribly. I miss all of you.

Our slogan, which I told the reporter on channel 13 years ago, "Yes We Can and Yes We Did" is what still brings joy to me. We will get through this together. We will be stronger and perhaps appreciate things around us a little more. We will giggle again. We will tell jokes and question what is on our lunch tray. Generations before you fought diseases...and won. When I was in elementary school, we feared a different horrible disease which left many, many children paralyzed. It was called polio. It doesn't exist anymore. Not that long ago, we fought Ebola, SARS and a host of other diseases.

We got through it. I promise you, we will get through this and you will laugh with your friends again. For now, I ask that even though you are not in your classrooms, follow the lessons and do your assignment. College is still around the corner.

Please... do not go to a friend's house. Do not hang out with a group of friends. Stay home. Wash your hands often. There's a reason why movie theaters and restaurants are closed. It's to keep us safe from crowds.

You do not know if the person next to you has the virus. They don't know. Stay safe, stay home.

I share you with your parents. You are my child also. There is nothing I wouldn't do to protect you. Now I need your help... Stay home, be safe. We'll be back together soon.

With love and respect,

Jeff Litt
 Superintendent

