

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Talawanda Families:

We hope this letter finds you safe and healthy! We know and understand that you and your families are going through a lot of hardships and changes during the COVID-19 crisis. Please know that Talawanda is doing everything we can to support you and your students during this time, and we will continue to do this. We live in an extraordinary community, with wonderful and giving people, and we know we will get through this crisis...together!

This past Monday Governor Dewine announced that remote online learning would continue until the close of the school year in Ohio. We understand that this is very disappointing, but remember that we are all in this together, and we will do what must be done to continue to assist our students. Please know that our staff is well prepared to continue the programs we have put in place to continue learning during this time. We will continue to operate the *Talawanda Food Distribution Program* until June 2020. Please know that the well being of your child is very important to us, so please do not hesitate to reach out to our counseling staff should your child need more support during this time. We will continue to support technology for online learning in our community through the end of the school year. Thank you for your patience as we work on internet support, as we know that some areas in the community have difficulty with receiving an internet signal and we continue to work on supplying hot-spots. We will continue to work through these issues on a case-by-case basis.

We know and understand that it is disappointing that the many end-of-year activities and traditions that we have enjoyed in the past will not all be possible during the COVID-19 crisis. Please let me put any concerns to rest that the Class of 2020 and their families may have regarding graduation. Talawanda High School is working now to plan an alternate graduation event (that meets the guidelines as established by Governor DeWine) so that we may continue with the tradition of honoring our students who have successfully completed the requirements for high school and are ready to graduate. We will have specific details available in the coming days for the Class of 2020...so stay tuned!

We are here to provide information, and will continue to update you as more information becomes available. We believe that there could be changes to the way in which we operate next year. We will continue to do everything we can to support students and families! Until we can meet again...stay safe and stay well!

In Education,

Dr. Edward Theroux Superintendent