Dear Friends of Coweta Public Schools:

This week marks the beginning of a new and unexpected experience for Oklahoma students, teachers and school staff. Although we did not anticipate ending the year this way, I am proud of the distance learning plan Coweta Public Schools has developed to allow students to learn from home. We know this change is difficult, and there is sadness about missing or delaying special events and activities. During this time, students and their families can count on our team to support them, both academically and emotionally.

While this health crisis has presented many challenges, it also has given us opportunities to help one another. Our child nutrition team has served hundreds of meals to local children and that service will continue. Additionally, our staff completed the massive task of developing a distance learning plan in just a matter of days. On behalf of the board and our community, I commend and thank all school employees for their hard work and commitment. Coweta has an incredible team.

On behalf of the entire Coweta Public Schools team, I would also like to thank our community. Your support and understanding continues to be incredible and we all appreciate it deeply.

The next few weeks will unveil a temporary new normal for us all. Kitchen tables will double as classroom/office spaces, and our world will be limited to the walls of our own homes. I would like to thank parents for partnering with the district on this journey. While they will be assisting their children in person, they will not be alone. Teachers will be just a phone call or email away.

During the challenges ahead, I would like to encourage everyone to remember that grace is becoming the key word for everyone in the education community this spring. We have emphasized to our education staff to extend grace to their students and to themselves concerning learning expectations in a situation where normal just isn't possible. Students at home will need grace as they process these events that are completely outside their prior experience.

We are fortunate to serve a community that values public education and understands that flexibility is necessary to meet the needs of students. A school is not a building; it is a family of caring, knowledgeable professionals making a difference for students every day. Our district is home to the best, and they will finish the school year Tiger strong.

Thank you for your support of Coweta Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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