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Representative Gae Magnafici
Assembly District 28
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Gae Magnafici,

We are fast approaching what would have been the date for our Graduation Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2020. Graduation is the culmination and celebration of a student's years of hard work. It is also a reminder of the investment that our community makes in our children. We are telling our graduating seniors that the last couple of months of hardship should not overshadow their thirteen or fourteen years of commitment to learning.

I am proud of Unity School District's response to the COVID-19 school closure and community health emergencies. In a matter of days, our teachers adapted their lessons and learning activities to be delivered by school bus for elementary school students and online to our middle and high school students. Even with their inventiveness, this has not been without challenges. Our teachers have had to adapt their online learning activities for students who have a school issued iPad but may not have internet access. They have had to reach out and facilitate hundreds of Google Meet and Zoom video conferences with students and parents. Through all of this, they have continually planned engaging, creative, and fun learning activities for our students.

In addition, Unity School District has provided two meals daily for nearly 700 children in our school district. These meals have been made and packaged by our dedicated food service staff, and delivered by our educational assistants and bus drivers. These deliveries, along with the weekly elementary school activities, have been a daily highlight for our children. Seeing the school bus barrel down the road has never been so exciting! They are eager to see what meals are delivered and what engaging educational activities are provided. For our children's nutrition, the District is committed to providing these meals through June 30th.

This situation is not ideal. Learning is so much more effective when facilitated in person, building upon the trust, connections, and relationships that exist between teacher and student. Yet, we have made the most of it by leveraging our resources and maximizing our organization's capacity. Ours is a success story.

We will not let COVID-19 define us or this school year. Instead, our perseverance, resilience, flexibility, and determination will define us. Our public schools showcase the greatest of these. We are proud to serve our children, our community, and our future.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued leadership during this unprecedented journey. If you have any questions regarding our schools and the services we provide, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please know that you can trust Unity School District and its outstanding educators to make the most of this situation and serve our children to the highest level.

Sincerely,

Brandon W. Robinson, Superintendent