

April 8, 2020

Dear Private School Administrator:

These last weeks have been difficult, but also inspiring. Across the state, I see schools and educators stepping forward in the face of this public health emergency to provide meals to students, continue learning, and provide supports to parents and staff. As we navigate this new landscape together, I want you to know I appreciate and see the work of private schools in these efforts.

I thank you for doing the best you can under these conditions. Your efforts matter regardless of whether you are sending home packets or providing resources through an internet format. No one had time to effectively plan for this emergency, and we will learn from this experience and from each other moving forward.

The supports and resources of the department are available to you should you need them. <u>Tim Coulthart</u>, assistant director, Parental Education Options Team, will continue to keep you updated, or you can access all of our COVID-19 resources through the DPI's COVID-19 web page at https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus.

Thank you for all you do for children.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tim Coulthart, assistant director, Parental Education Options Team