May 14, 2020

Dear Parents/Partners/Teachers,

About every two weeks I have been able to share information about how things are going at this moment in time as we move forward. As you are aware, due to our abbreviated calendar, tomorrow is the last day of school for students for the 2019-20 school year. I can’t thank any of you enough for your support, compassion, prayers, positive energy, etc. during this difficult time.

Assuming there is no significant rain Monday (May 18th), DCES will have a ‘drive through’ process in place for parents/students to retrieve their desk belongings. The time will be from 12-7 p.m. Cars will need to enter the bus area at the back of the building. There will be cones to direct cars into a ‘chute’. When in this ‘chute’, we will have all the students’ belongings bagged up ready to be returned to the child. No one is allowed out of their cars during this time. We will be organized by grade levels to expedite this process. Within the bag will be the desk belongings, some returned student work, perhaps medication if warranted, etc. IF you can, plan to also return a Chromebook (if you checked one out), return library books, recorders, etc. as mentioned earlier. Both DCMS and DCHS will have similar hours. CECC will do the same from 5-7 p.m. Our rain date is the following day.

By this time, student work should be completed in order to be considered for proper grading/assessment. Thank you to the many families who have remained in touch with us. I know we have worked hard to put ourselves out there to you as well. Again, we appreciate your partnership during this difficult time.

Earlier today, many staff came together to put together a ‘virtual’ 5th Grade Awards Program. During this time, we recognized the accomplishments of our 5th graders. Look for this video to be released soon. We hope you will watch it and share in the celebration of our 5th grade students.

If you have a child to register for kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year, please do such soon if you have not. You can find more information on the delphi.k12.in.us website. Children must be 5 by October 1st.
The last time buses will deliver food is on Monday (May 18th). This will be breakfast and lunch for all five days of next week. Recently, there was a ‘sign up’ included in lunch bags allowing families to sign up for food beyond that time. You must complete this form as requested. If you sign up, food will be available May 26-June 19th. You will need to come to the HS between 11-1 each day to get the food. If you have any more questions or need meals for anyone, please reach out to Sandra Rowe, DCSC Cafeteria, by email at rowes@delphi.k12.in.us.

As far as the 2020-21 school year is considered, so much is unknown. We are waiting for guidance from the state to what education will look like next year. Please do begin to
plan for the ‘what ifs’ in case a ‘hybrid’ model is pushed out. Ideally, we will be back in a traditional school setting. However, it is too early to tell.

We will have online registration for all students to complete some time this summer. During this time, parents will have to login to Skyward to confirm all the information is still applicable. More information will be shared as we know it.

In closing, thank you. Thank you for all you are doing during this time. If I can assist in any way, please reach out.

Respectfully,

Bill Shidler
Proud Principal