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Dear Yellow Springs Families & Staff,

This weekend marks the unofficial start to summer. It is also a time for us to honor the memory of the servicemen and women who gave their lives for this country. While this year looks different than years past, I hope that your family makes time to relax this weekend and takes time to enjoy the warmer weather. Especially during this chaotic time, rest, reflection, and rejuvenation are essential.

We are entering our last week of the school year. I have previously pushed out to you our plan for this week. Students will be doing final reflections with their teachers, and there is a process in place at both buildings for the collection of technology and other school materials. Mills Lawn students may also pick up personal belongings at this time. I know these last few weeks are typically full of celebrations and traditions. While they look different this year, we will hold 6th Grade Recognition on Tuesday evening, May 26, and the Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 27.

We continue the process of studying the information coming our way regarding the safe reopening of schools from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Green County Public Health (GCPH), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). To be honest, some of this advice is contradictory at best.

However, we must begin to plan. Guidelines from all the entities mentioned above mean that we need to consider and plan for multiple learning models: distance learning, blended learning (part-time in school and part-time distance learning), and students returning to campus in a full-time capacity. We need to take into consideration changing health conditions and federal and state guidelines. We must provide a robust academic plan for all of our students that will help them continue to learn and grow. We must have a plan that allows us to flex in and out of school as conditions change. We must take into account those individuals who are in a high-risk category for COVID-19. To plan effectively, we need your input.

On Tuesday, May 26, students, teachers, and families will receive surveys about next year. I ask that you please complete the survey and respond thoughtfully so that we can gather input and make decisions that are best for our children and our schools.

Best,



Terri L. Holden  
Superintendent