

## Washington Central Unified Union School District Communication

Dear Washington Central Families,

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In 2007, I worked in a school district in Wisconsin (Shorewood Schools) as Director of Instruction. On the roof of the high school building was a widow's walk which offered the best views overlooking Lake Michigan in the area. I found this to be a place of solace and solitude on many occasions.



Here I could watch the village 4th of July Fireworks and observe planes on their way to the Milwaukee Airport. The expanse of the lake, large commercial ships and pleasure crafts loomed in the distance. The ferry crossing to Michigan left a wake rippling to the shore.

One summer afternoon, I could feel the dense, heavy air as a blanket of humidity settled in and the distant rumbling of a severe thunderstorm echoed on the lake. The water became still, then slowly I could see bolts of lightning reach from the sky, touching the earth, then disappearing. The rain fell in torrents, wind and waves upended all that was not secured. Finally, the storm ended bringing instant cooling and relief from the exhausting heat.



Just like a storm, moving into and disrupting lives and routines, is the COVID 19 pandemic. We make preparations, take precautions, cling to each other (albeit virtually) for support and help. All the while our school staff are doing all they can to ensure that our communities are safe, fed, supported emotionally and educated remotely.

We don't know what is next, we don't know what tomorrow will bring. But we do know that we have each other, our families, friends, colleagues, pets, and those whom we may not be able to hug, but know the hugs are there. So, while we wait and until we meet again... Write letters, play games, laugh, Zoom. Wash your hands. Assure, comfort, breathe, rest, and love one another. Thank you for all you have done for all that you will do.

Yours In Education,  
Debra Taylor, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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