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Greetings ICSD Community,

This week, I was inspired by a friend who reminded me that even though we are in the midst of incredible challenges, at the same time, we must also plan for the future. Each day, I learn from students, teachers, and caregivers who are demonstrating incredible resilience while also making new discoveries. Even though school buildings are closed, our responsive teaching practices in digital environments, inclusive mindsets, virtual skill sets, and critical thinking, demonstrate that learning is still happening even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Specifics are not yet available regarding state/local budgets and various other pending decisions that are dependent on changing fiscal and health scenarios. We hope to know more in the next week. Still, I am writing to provide my regular update - including updates for end-of-year instructional programming and special events.

Beginning June 8, 2020, students and families can expect to engage in parent/teacher conferences with your classroom teacher. Our educators continue to engineer projects and learning experiences and create new strategies for reviewing the learning during a complicated year. Our educators will also continue to connect and meet with students at regular intervals. You will receive more communication from principals and teachers regarding district and school plans for culminating activities.

Information is also forthcoming from schools regarding graduations and moving up ceremonies. Teams of faculty, staff, and students have been researching and planning for special events. Our teams will continue to work with the Tompkins County Health Department to ensure that each of our plans aligns with guidance from State and local health officials based on our school district's size and the recent Phase 1 re-opening of the Southern Tier region. Additionally, celebrations such as the Senior Talent Show at Ithaca High School and the Senior Meeting at Lehman

Alternative Community School are in final planning stages, and signs to honor our graduates are being created. Again, more details will be shared soon.

I encourage you to tune in to our next [ICSD 2.0 Webinar Series](#) on **Monday, May 18 at 4:00 p.m.** via WebEx, as I invite educators to join me in a lively discussion about innovating in the era of distance learning.

Please continue to use the [Let'sTalk portal](#) to share with us anything that is on your heart or mind. Thank you for all you do.

Regards,

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Superintendent