



An Important Message from Elizabeth Board of Education President Diane Barbosa

We Are With You EPS.

We care for each and every one of our students. We miss you and **LEARNING MUST CONTINUE.**

On behalf of the Elizabeth Board of Education, we want you to know that we're working every day to provide the resources for our Administration, staff and students during this unprecedented time.

We send love, prayers and strength to all of our families, but especially to our hero employees who have passed during these difficult times.

It is so important to continue to acknowledge our learning community and all that has been accomplished over these past few unprecedented weeks.

First, I want to recognize our Families, PARENTS out there for the tremendous effort they have made to help their children, our children continue to learn while we are home.

To all the STUDENTS and their families, I just want to say BRAVO for your efforts in our E-remote learning. You have been doing a wonderful job and I and the rest of the board are super proud of each and every one of YOU. Even on those difficult days of log in, assignments or packets .. Keep your spirits up and Keep up the great work!

To all of our TEAM MEMBERS, including central administration, our instructional supervisors, our directors, CST members, our support staff, warehouse team, food service members, our nurses, our operational staff, and especially our TEACHERS, I would like to express my deepest heartfelt gratitude for the sacrifices and extraordinary efforts you all have made keeping our students learning, engaged and growing. Our community is so fortunate to have such dedicated people who are so committed to EXCELLENCE. I can not thank you enough for all you are doing to ensure that education continues here in Elizabeth. To our Superintendent, Thank You for your dedication and love for our district and all its members especially our students.

I also want to acknowledge April is Autism Awareness Month, something that is dear to my heart. Please know that each of our special needs children are so, so special. We truly care about their successes and are thinking of them not just during the month of April, but always.

Speaking on behalf of the Elizabeth Board of Education and the team members of the Elizabeth Public Schools: "Conversations are not cancelled. Learning is not cancelled. Love is not cancelled and more importantly Hope is not cancelled."

Some of the world's greatest spiritual traditions celebrate important holidays in the coming days. Common among those traditions is a celebration of hope.

As we continue to experience these unique circumstances. I want to thank you for your support and for showing why Elizabeth is such a special community. As we remember those we have lost our heart aches, our sincere condolences.

We are strongest when we are TOGETHER, and Together we will succeed and get through these difficult times.

You are Strong, You are Tough, You are Loved, You are not Alone, You are Supported, You are AMAZING, You are Brave, You are our team members, our teachers, parents, our students, You are the Heart of Elizabeth Public Schools.

Let's keep learning. Stay Strong. Stay Well.

God bless you. God bless the Elizabeth Public Schools.

-Diane Barbosa

Your Elizabeth Board of Education President 2020

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