

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! As I started organizing my thoughts for this article, the overwhelming feeling of needing to express sincere thanks and gratitude overtook me. I have been overwhelmed by the amount of commitment it has taken from our entire school community to implement the Return to Learn Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. This is truly the year to implement the motto “Grace and Patience for All.”

In order to keep our students and staff safe, while still providing a quality education, sacrifices have been made by many. Parents who were able, have started transporting their children so others can utilize bus transportation, parents have taken on the role of co-teacher working alongside school personnel to support their students, teachers have had to learn an entire new way of teaching both their in-person students and their remote students and they are working harder than ever before. The paraprofessional staff are in new roles this year and are providing tremendous support for teachers and students. Bloomingdale Telephone Company is providing much needed technology and internet support. The custodial staff has doubled down on cleaning efforts, coaches are coaching in a new way and having great success. Our food service staff has had to completely change how we serve meals, our bus drivers have new routes and safety procedures they need to follow and my administrators and directors are working hard to ensure that all these pieces fall into place. It is our goal to provide a safe and quality learning opportunity for all students. There have been a lot of changes, but without the total commitment from our entire school community, including school personnel, parents, other family members, and community members in supporting roles, we would not be able to meet the needs of our students and for that I say, THANK YOU! Thank you for your commitment, dedication, grace and patience.