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Our rural community usually seems untouched by the craziness of the world, but in the last couple weeks our world in southwest ND changed as we know it. COVID-19 is bringing daily changes to our world and to our lives, but one thing that remains unchanged is the strength and unity of our community.

Our ND Governor took a strong stand to help flatten the curve in the COVID-19 pandemic by suspending school indefinitely. The Department of Public Instruction, the ND School Board Association, and administrative staff across the state went right to work in putting a creative twist on educating our kids.

Our teachers and administration have been working hard to adapt and prepare to move from a traditional setting to a new education format while following the guidelines and rules set in place by our Governor, NDDPI, NDDOH and NDSBA. Luckily, our Bowman County School District has been forward thinking and has one-to-one devices in place for a majority of our grades. And to the grades without devices, I have no doubt our teachers will provide creative ways for our children to continue to learn. Please know that our children of the Bowman County School District will continue to receive an outstanding education as we move into a new norm.

Also, to help lighten the burden for parents and our grocery store, our school is providing sack lunches in the morning and at noon for ALL our children. The staff and school board are willing to help in any capacity we can. For any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call the school.

Dr. John G. Hibben, a past president of Princeton University said, "Education is the ability to meet life's situations." I know teaching out of the classroom will be a challenge, it will be a lot of work, but I have utmost confidence in our staff to meet this challenge head on and succeed!

Stacy McGee

Bowman County School District President