March 29, 2020

Greetings EGF ISD Staff Members,

I hope you and your families are doing well! We have been fortunate to get outside and enjoy the nice weather this weekend while practicing social distancing guidelines.

The primary reasons for this letter are to express my **GRATITUDE** for all of your efforts, share the great videos produced by staff members, and to wish you the **BEST OF LUCK** as we head into the first official week of distance learning! The last two weeks have been challenging for all of us and not knowing when this will end increases the anxiety level. I have been extremely impressed with the efforts of the **GREEN TEAM**! The cream rises to the top during challenging times and we have a cooler full! YOU have implemented excellent food service and child care programs while developing solid distance learning plans! To hear how the TEAM distributed close to two-thousand meals on Friday alone and cared for an average of fifty children a day last week put a big smile on my face. I was really grinning from ear to ear on Friday when observing the material pick-up process at South Point, Drive By Parade at New Heights, and creation of the huge heart sculpture at the Senior HS. The **GREEN TEAM** was on fire!
The links to several of the great videos produced by TEAM members are listed below! Seeing the smiles on the faces of our students, parents and staff members brought me great joy and also stirred up some other emotions. **THANK YOU** for sharing the great videos and making me smile! I really needed it!

- [New Heights Missing You Parade](#)
- [New Heights Missing You Video 2](#)
- [South Point Material Pick Up Video](#)
- [CMS Jump On It Video](#)
- [Senior High Heart Video](#)
- [Senior High Girls Soccer Video](#)

**THANK YOU for all of your efforts! YOU ROCK!**

Sincerely,

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I will teach you in a room.
I will teach you now on Zoom.
I will teach you in your house.
I will teach you with a mouse.
I will teach you here and there.
I will teach you because I care.
So just do your very best.
And do not worry about the rest.