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Dear Parent(s),

I want to take this time to thank you for entrusting your child(ren) with us in the Bell County School District. We take our responsibility to educate and promote learning with our students very seriously. As we all know this year has been one like no other in our history. It has been filled with challenges stemming from COVID-19 and has affected our everyday life including how schools must operate on a day to day basis while providing high quality instruction to our students.

Our teachers have been and are continuing to work exceptionally hard to provide ALL students (virtual and in-person) with the best possible instruction they can. Up to this point in the year, this has mainly consisted of utilizing the online program Odysseyware with some supplemental contact/instruction through Google Classroom. Moving from our normal in person instruction to paper packets in the spring to Chromebooks and online learning in the fall has been a difficult transition; however, we truly appreciate everyone's patience and support during this process.

Moving forward, we recognize that no online learning platform can replace the classroom teacher. With that being said, our district will begin to move toward more online instruction being provided by the regular classroom teacher through Google Meets/Zoom and Google Classroom. Each school will start transitioning over the course of the next few weeks and will provide their school community with specific guidance and information. If your child does not have internet access, please contact their school to see if help is available where you live or to make other arrangements.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me at any time. My door is always open.

Respectfully,



Tom Gambrel  
Bell County Superintendent

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