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Dear Rose Valley Community,



On behalf of the teachers of Rose Valley Elementary I would like to thank the community for remaining flexible and supportive during these most difficult times. I know that it has been confusing and disappointing for students and parents to watch field trips and other special events cancelled. Everyone would agree that this is no way to end any year, but it has been made all the more painful because this is the year that our community splits to create Mar Jok. Friday was poignant for everyone and especially difficult for teachers.

I remain in awe of the talent, commitment and creativity contained within our school. Friday was a case in point: thank you to the parents who seemed to pull a luncheon for the Grade Six students out of thin air, and to the group of talented Grade Six students who entertained the school with their own production of Frozen. Just in case this was to be the last day, Mr. Vanbrummelen put together an amazing slide show of memories, Mr. Sneddon said the good byes, and together everyone sang the RVE song.

Our community, did the wise thing; we prepared for the worst and now we must all hope for the best. The resiliency shown the past few weeks by everyone, students, staff and parents should not only be a source of pride, but also of hope; difficult times remind me that amazing things are possible. If here in our local school, why not at the provincial level?

Perhaps this week the doors of the school will be re-opened in celebration or, perhaps not. Teachers may find themselves on the street advocating for their students rather than working with their students. Please know that your teachers, RVE teachers, stand on the street full of gratitude for the community we serve. We all remain resolved to preserve the qualities we see in our school community, long into the future.

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