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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope each of you had a wonderful spring break. I was able to accomplish several things around my house that have been “calling my name” for several years. Usually during spring break, our family is always on the go and this year’s plans were no different. However, as we all know, plans can be changed quickly. That is exactly how this school year is ending. We had a lot of great plans for the last nine weeks. Those plans have had to change.

As you well know, on Wednesday of this past week, Governor Brian Kemp closed the doors of all school buildings. **That doesn’t mean school is over, but it does put an end to the many activities that we had planned for the remainder of the year.** With this announcement, there are a lot of questions that you may have about the end of the school year. We all have those same questions. Mrs. Reese, our school superintendent, sent a text on Wednesday stating that she would text and post information on the county website this week to help answer the many questions that you may have about the current situation. Please look for the posting of this information this week.

Before the announcement was made, Catoosa County Public Schools had decided to conduct school, Monday through Thursday only. No new assignments will be posted on Fridays. However, teachers will be available on Fridays to assist you or your student. Teachers will be using Fridays to meet through technology since they can’t meet face-to-face to help plan for the upcoming week. The county technology help line will also be available on Fridays for technical support only. Hardware repair will not be available on Fridays.

As the county office provides us information, we will pass that along to you. You are always welcome to contact your child’s teacher if you have questions. Mrs. Smith (lsmith@catoosa.k12.ga.us) and I (kmccrary@catoosa.k12.ga.us) are always available to also answer your questions. We may not physically be in the school building, but we are always here to help you anyway we can.

We don’t know what the future holds, but I have assured teachers that we **WILL** celebrate our students. It may be June, July or even August, but we will celebrate our students, especially our 5th graders as they move to middle school. We will communicate those plans to you as soon as we have some answers about the future.

I want to end on a personal note. There have been many funny sayings and memes on social media about parents now homeschooling their children. We want you to know that we appreciate you as you have had to find a new routine. Our teachers are having to work harder than ever. When teachers are in their classrooms, they are in their routines, their grooves. Teachers have had to create new routines, new grooves. They would trade almost anything to go back to a “normal” schedule. The truth is, we **really, really** miss your kids. Teachers are really struggling through this time because they love and miss your kids more than you’ll ever know. When Governor Kemp closed school buildings last Wednesday, that was one of the worst days of my

23 year education career. You could say a few tears were shed. However, I know that this is best under the current situation. Even though we may be apart, we are always Battlefield!!

I hope each of you will stay safe especially during these next few weeks and months. I will send out updates as soon as they are available. Please know we are here for you and will support you anyway that we can.

WE ARE BATTLEFIELD,
Dr. McCrary