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Dear Ringgold Family,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family safe, and well. I want to send out my sincere thanks to each of you for your support during our re-opening of schools. I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to visit each school and to see our students back in classes with their teachers. Equally exciting was the ability to see our students who chose Option 2, also fully joined into classes with their peers at school. We were also proud to see each of our Cyber Academy Students signing into our Ringgold Cyber Academy for the first time! This has in every way been a historic opening of school that has been unlike any other.

Despite the most detailed planning, with all new ventures come hiccups that must be addressed. Like most schools in the Commonwealth who are also attempting to open up schools with multiple options for families, we experienced our share of hiccups in the first two days. Thankfully, because of: your patience, our outstanding students, the steady persistence of our amazing teachers and staff, the continued work of our administrators, the dedication of our technology department and because of our partnership with IU1, we were able to resolve many of the “hiccups” very quickly.

I want to take a moment to specifically thank our students who have done an amazing job of wearing masks, learning new technology, following new patterns in hallways, using new learning structures from home, and who have quickly adapted to the many new routines in and out of school. Our students are the reason that we all come together. They are the reason we dedicate ourselves to this important work. Seeing them this week in person, on screen, and in the Cyber Academy has been the highlight of the last six months.

We realize that living through a pandemic is challenging. It has brought disruption to our community and to almost every facet of our daily lives. A number of families have reached out to share how their personal circumstances have changed even in the last week because of the pandemic. We have listened as families have shared the impact those changes have had on their child’s schooling and education. The Ringgold School District is committed to doing our very best to work with each of our families who have called and who continue to deal with unexpected changes. Because our schooling options have been carefully constructed to allow for proper social distancing for those on our campuses, we ask for your continued patience as we process these requests. The health and safety of students and staff is always our first and foremost priority.

~ Preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow ~

I want to close with these final thoughts. Because the pandemic continues, we know that there will be other challenges that we will face going forward. Please know that we remain committed to doing our very best to quickly resolve issues as they present themselves. Arthur Clarke once said “The only way to discover the limits of the possible, is to go beyond them into the impossible”. I again thank every member of the Ringgold Community and Ringgold Learning Family for helping us go beyond the “limits of the possible” to ensure that our students continue to receive the Ringgold education that we all know and love.

Thank you again for your support and thanking you in advance for your patience as we continue to move the District forward. Wishing each of you a restful holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

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