



**MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES**  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

Continued appreciations and celebrations for all of our collective hard work to stay safe and stay open. We are all working very hard to be attentive and in touch with the all of you, the students, and each other. My sources tell me so far so “perfect!” If we are missing anything contact your teachers or the front office. Relationships are built on communication.

Speaking of communication, I need to inform all of you that I am at home in quarantine with my wife. Given our best efforts, my wife tested positive for Covid-19, and the two of us are at home. I will not be able to return to school until the end of next week. Let me confirm, we are both well and symptom free and for that we are grateful. The many kind notes and sentiments are so appreciated.

I am sharing our experience to emphasize that we continue to be in a world-wide pandemic. As much as these first 19 days of school have been perfect, we are one interaction too close, one forgotten mask, one day that we felt a symptom or two and still went to school from losing it all and going back to a hybrid or fully remote situation. Let my situation be a reminder that each and every day matters. Each and everyone one of us matters.

Let us hope my experience proves to be a cautionary tale only, and that we all with renewed enthusiasm make safety our number one, number two, and number three priority. Being back to school is amazing. Having all of our schools’ open is amazing. I encourage us all to use that same urgency of safety and caution as we all did on the first day back. As perfect as each day has been, we all need to do our part – All for One and One for ALL.

A truly exciting and most important time that I have ever been apart as a public educator. Every day feels like it truly matters – what a powerful and at times, overwhelming responsibility. We are being reminded or realizing for the first time of the importance school is for all of us. Far beyond just the academics, when done well, schools are the center of our healthy and thriving communities. Offering barrier free foundational experiences including the required supports so that everyone is included. Remember what it was like when our schools closed last March? Let us remember, let us learn, and let us stay open. Together - We Got This!

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston

**Important Dates and Information:**

- PCEF Beat the Call – Fund Drive
  - Donate on-line through the district website or check student backpacks for information and envelopes to donate.
  - September 14<sup>th</sup>-September 25<sup>th</sup>