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Dear Upland Unified Students, Parents, and Staff:

I hope you are all doing as well as you can be during this difficult period, and I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your patience and understanding as we work together to flatten the curve and put this pandemic behind us.

These are times that define us, and what has encouraged me from the start is the strength, perseverance and generosity of spirit all of you have shown these past few weeks. As eager as we are to return to normalcy, we're making the most of what we have and helping one another in whatever ways we can. We're discovering what we can accomplish in the midst of adversity and gaining strength from that as we go along.

It's the experiences we've shared and the lessons we've learned that will make us more resilient and more determined to confront the challenges and extraordinary opportunities that await us. We've said it before, and it resonates even stronger now: This generation of students will be better prepared than any before it to make our world a better place.

All that said, we miss our daily interactions with all of you.

To our amazing students, you are the reason we do the work we do. You're the reason I chose education as my career. And you are what I will miss the most when I retire at the end of the school year. I encourage you all to focus on staying healthy, and to support your families and one another. To our seniors, this is the hardest on you. Continue to show unity as the Class of 2020. Reach out to one another and continue being the leaders you are.

To our parents, thank you for raising these amazing students. These are challenging times for you. Please know that we are doing everything we can to ensure that your children receive the highest quality education possible in the midst of this crisis.

To our teachers and staff, thank you for your professionalism, your support, and, above all, your commitment to our students. We can't do this work without you.

And to our employees who provide services each day – our maintenance and operations team, nutrition services team, and others who whose jobs require them to report to their district sites – we cannot thank you enough.

Together we will get through this. In the meantime, thank you for working with us and for reinforcing who and what we are – UPLAND STRONG.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelly

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Every Single Day