

May 17, 2020

Dear Union Colony Family,

We're in the final week of the most unusual close of a school year. Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding during this unique time. Spring break hit and we had one week to transition from all in-person learning to all distance learning. Staff and students did an incredible job adapting to the fast changing environment. Thank you for your support.

We're eagerly anticipating the social distancing requirements for next school year. The word thus far indicates next school year may be a blended environment of some in-person learning and some distance learning. Planning is taking place, but we can't get too far ahead before the guidelines are defined.

We've also been told to prepare for up to a 15% reduction in funding next year. District 6 (Union Colony included) is currently preparing for a 10% cut. To put that in perspective, that equates to about 18 teachers' salaries!

Fear not! We've been responsibly budgeting over the years and our reserves are at a healthy level, for a rainy day. Well, 10% is pouring. We'll most likely use some of the reserves to weather this storm better than most. You will not see a decline in the quality of education at Union Colony, no matter the obstacles.

It seems as though most of society is slowly returning to the public. Soon we'll know what we have to work with next year. We'll keep you informed throughout the summer during preparation. In the meantime, enjoy the summer. We'll be ready for you in the fall.

Timberwolf Strong,
Jim Anderson
Director