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Dear Crestwood Community,

This week I witnessed, and was definitely not surprised, teams of teachers working together to prepare for a smooth start and successful 2020/2021 School Year. This is nowhere near a normal start, although, because our teachers are caring by nature, they will make it as normal as possible. Teaching is not a job, it is a lifestyle, a calling, a venture focused on love and kindness. Our teachers have been working to prepare for a smooth start since June as many were on vacation, caring for their children, and understanding that this cannot be a last minute response.

There are so many staff members who do so much without recognition; so many do without complaint; so many are never recognized. I have witnessed Crestwood Team Members do what needs to be done, no matter how difficult it is for them, these are the true symbols of OUR Crestwood Team! We continue to ask the Crestwood Community to look at our exceptional Crestwood Team Members as heroes of our community.

We are in this together and I thank you for your continued patience, support and commitment. It does not matter what others do, it only matters what we do.

*As a quick update and based on the flexibility given to us by MDE and the State Legislature, the first week of school will be half days for students in the AM (Monday, August 31 – Thursday, September 3). Labor Day recess will be Friday September 4 and Monday, September 7. Students first full day of school will be Tuesday, September 8. This will give our team more time to prepare and develop exceptional learning opportunities for our students as well as exceptional teaching opportunities for our team. Moreover, it will allow for a smoother start into rigorous instruction.

Our Instructional Day Support Program for working families will start Tuesday, September 8 (No School on Friday, September 4 and Monday, September 7 Labor Day). So please ensure you fill out the survey on our website.

Additionally, next week we will update the community on what the first two weeks of school will look like with specific plans and schedules for each school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Youssef Mosallam
Superintendent of Schools