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Dear Caledonia Community Schools community,

I'm reaching out today not with an update, but rather a simple, heartfelt THANK YOU on behalf of our school district. Throughout the past two years of the pandemic, you've received an extraordinary amount of communications from me, administrators, principals, and teachers as we navigated the ever-changing health and safety guidelines from our state and county.

Your student's well-being and safety remains one of our top priorities at Caledonia Community Schools. We appreciate the support and flexibility you have shown to our teachers, staff, and administrators. While we don't know what the future may hold, we wanted to take a moment to share our gratitude for your support.

Despite its challenges, the last two years has also brought major accomplishments from the help of our students, staff, and community:

- During a time when the state academic test scores declined by an average of more than 12%, Caledonia Community Schools continued to remain strong and show a positive increase in test scores in 75% of our buildings.
- Overall, our MSTEP scores improved in all areas for grades 3-8.
- We had our first Blue Ribbon school since as far back as the 1990s.
- Together we passed a \$88.1 Million Bond program that has already made significant improvements to Kraft Meadows Intermediate School and Duncan Lake Middle School and by the winter of 2024 will bring a new Dutton Elementary building and the district's first high school competition swim pool by way of the Cal Community Center.
- We continued to enhance safety and security systems across district facilities.
- In previous years, 22 elementary bus routes had over an hour of ride time. Due to our elementary rezoning efforts and transportation changes, zero students have a ride time of over one hour.
- Our website was significantly updated this summer and in an effort to better align with the organizational coherence goals in our strategic plan, we created a district-wide mobile app to keep students, parents, and staff connected, engaged, and on track for success.

As we approach Spring Break, this is a perfect time to reflect on our successes and THANK OUR COMMUNITY for your support. We look forward to the rest of the school year and the wonderful accomplishments yet to come from our staff and students!

With gratitude,

Dr. Dedrick Martin  
Superintendent  
Caledonia Community Schools