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Dear Parents,

ISTEP Round 1 is done! I know how hard kids (and teachers) worked. A change of routine is always challenging but kids are flexible. Thank you to PTO for the great treats which helped us "Rock the Test!"

Third graders will be taking IREAD this week. Even though we are a few weeks from spring break, this is still prime instructional time. As always, attendance is so important. There is still so much to teach and learn this school year.

You will notice that the Superintendent search has begun with information posted on the website. The information is also posted to state agencies in order to increase the candidate pool. There are some excellent candidates throughout the state and I can attest to the fact that this is a terrific organization to lead. It has been and continues to be a pleasure.

The March 9th eLearning Day went well with technology support successful. We have scheduled two eLearning days next year for professional development. In addition, we will be using dates for inclement weather along with scheduled snow days. The intent is to keep the instructional flow without major disruption. We are also looking at revising our late start procedures to make it easier for parents to plan and more productive for teachers to collaborate.

This Friday, March 16th is a snow make up day and school will be in session.

The spring sports season is beginning soon. Performance Services is working with us to make sure that solar panel areas are secure and grounds are clean and ready prior to the end of the month. Representatives from Performance Services will be attending the board meeting this Wednesday, March 14th @ 6:00 to present an update and answer questions. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria.

Congratulations to our DECA state finalists who did well at state and to our Science Olympiads who compete at state this weekend. Also, congratulations to our boys and girls' sectional teams. You did your best and represent the corporation so well. I've said it before...school spirit is terrific here!

There is no school March 30 (Good Friday) through April 6, 2018 for spring break.

Thank you for your continued support. Parents are the most important teachers in their children's lives. It's not an easy job.

Lynn Johnson, Ed. S. Interim Superintendent