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Dear Senator Olsen,

I hope this letter finds you, your family, and your colleagues well. I would like to provide you with an update from the Weyauwega-Fremont School District as we address the challenges brought on by the COVID – 19 pandemic.

Weyauwega-Fremont School District was one of the fortunate school districts able to move to a virtual/distance program without much difficulty. Over the last several weeks, the administration and teachers have been in constant communication with our students and families to continue to provide a rigorous education. We have a very caring and talented staff that has risen to this challenge. Over the summer we will continue to offer professional development to make our instructional practices even better. One of the district's biggest challenges during this pandemic has been engaging our lower economic and disadvantage students. The district worked individually with our disadvantaged families to provide devices and hot spots for internet. However, many of our students are taking on more responsibilities in the home that does not allow much time for their studies. Currently, we are providing 228 meals a day for our district families. We have five different locations where families can pick-up the meals. These locations are also being used for parents to drop off/pick up instructional materials. In addition, we have provided in-home deliveries to those families that are unable to transport themselves to the pick-up locations. Mental health for not only our students, but our staff, is one of the prime concerns for me and my administrative team. This is an area that needs attention from all our leaders in

the state and the country. On a positive note, we have seen a greater sense of community and support in our two small communities. Also, our staff has done some amazing things to celebrate our students and families. I encourage you to check out our Facebook page to see the remarkable things our schools are doing during this challenging time. Thank you for your hard work and for taking the time to listen. Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Phillip S. Tubbs

Weyauwega-Fremont District Administrator