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Dear Binghamton Families,

Our eighth week of distance learning coincides with Teacher Appreciation Week. Over the past several weeks, our faculty and staff have proved it is possible to provide education, resources, love and support to our students beyond the four walls of our school buildings.

Thank you to all the children and families who sent in content for the district-wide teacher appreciation [video](#). We continue to update an [album](#) on Facebook with wonderful photos and messages from students to teachers. I also encourage you to celebrate this week by taking a moment to recognize a teacher that's made a positive impact on your child's life and learning. It's very meaningful to receive a personal message, email or card from a parent or student, and I believe our educators deserve celebration and recognition now more than ever before.

I would also like to acknowledge that today is National School Nurse Day. We are so grateful for the dedicated professionals that offer care and comfort to our students.

Next week, we'll continue our virtual celebrations with a district-wide [Spirit Week](#). Please visit our website for details, and send content to [PR@BinghamtonSchools.org](mailto:PR@BinghamtonSchools.org) throughout the week. Continued events and efforts such as this keep us connected and positive during our time apart. Thank you for being a valued part of our school community. I have never been prouder to be a Patriot.

With Patriot Pride,

Dr. Tonia Thompson  
Superintendent of Schools

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