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Visions Newsletter

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Cleve Threadgill, Superintendent

Dear Community Members,

As the 2019-20 school year draws to a close, I want to thank everyone associated with Ottawa Elementary for your support of our schools especially during these unchartered times. Your cooperation has been commendable.

Recently, the Ottawa Elementary Board of Education approved an expansion of one-to-one learning with the purchase of enough iPads to provide a computer to every student in grades K-8 beginning in 2020-21. This will not only create new opportunities for students during a normal learning environment, but also ensure that all of our students can have equal access during Remote and E Learning instruction. This also will include devices that have built - in WIFI for those who do not have WIFI access in their homes.

While these have been difficult times, we believe the future remains bright with an enhanced technology program to benefit our students for years to come. We are excited about the expansion of our STEM program to our younger grades next year and the expansion of one-to-one instruction.

As we currently plan for the 2020-21 school year, we don't know how the beginning of the year will operate given our current crisis. But we will plan with the best interests of our students in mind and will be communicating with our families throughout the summer through our website and Facebook page. For our 8th grade graduates and those who may be leaving us, we certainly wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Cleve Threadgill
Superintendent