



FRIDAY FAMILY DAY

I can't tell you how much I appreciate ALL of the work you put in this week! I saw posts from teams that were on campus until MIDNIGHT preparing materials and writing notes to kids. THANK YOU for pulling off nothing shy of a MIRACLE in a matter of days. I sent out the note below earlier today but in case you missed it I'll share it again here. **You all are ROCKING this!** THANK YOU does not say enough!

Tomorrow and Saturday we will deliver **1,000 sets** of books, supplies, chromebooks/iPads, learning activities and locker contents. We will make Chick-Fil-A proud and maybe even throw in a few "my pleasures"! And on Monday, we'll deliver every item that wasn't picked up – door to door until every student has what they need. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to prepare chromebooks and empty lockers and deliver food and pull together what looks like was effortless but what we know was nothing shy of impossible!

Friday's assignment (when your delivery shift is over) is to enjoy your family! Your work this week is done! Rest, stay well and **get ready to engage our students next week!**

We gave educators almost no notice. We asked them to completely redesign what school looks like and in about 24 hours local administrators and teachers "Apollo 13'ed" the problem and fixed it. Kids learning, children being fed, needs being met in the midst of a global crisis.

No state agency did this, no so-called national experts on curriculum. The local educators fixed it in hours. HOURS.

In fact, existing state and federal policies actually created multiple roadblocks. Local schools figured out how to do it around those too. No complaining and no handwringing - just solutions and amazingly clever plans.

Remember that the next time someone tries to convince you that schools are better run by mandates from non-educators. Remember that the next time someone tells you that teachers have it easy or try to persuade you that educators are not among the smartest, most ingenious people in society. And please never say to me again, "Those who can't do anything else just go into teaching."

Get out of the way of a teacher and watch with amazement at what really happens.

- Ken Buck, South Carolina School Board Member

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE,
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."

