



Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation

# EDGEWOOD SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, teachers from around the State of Indiana will be coming together at the Statehouse in Indianapolis to address important education issues with legislators.

RBBCSC is anticipating that 73 Edgewood teachers will be participating in the rally designed to inform the legislators how they can vote to support traditional public school students and teachers.

We do not have enough substitute teachers to cover 73 classrooms.

In order to operate school safely, RBBCSC will be conducting an eLearning Day on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Teachers will post assignments or send assignments home with students on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Teachers will be available from 12:00-1:00 pm on April 13<sup>th</sup> to respond to emails sent by students with questions.
- Students will have two days to complete eLearning Day assignments.

We love our teachers who, by nature, put their students first every day of the school year. Please join me by giving this one day, April 13<sup>th</sup>, back to the teachers for all that they do for our students and the community. Please understand that our teachers would much rather be at school teaching our students.

I do believe that our state legislators want to make the most informed decisions. They need to know that inadequate funding for traditional public schools impacts class sizes, decreases innovative programs, and leads to teacher shortages.

Please know that the teachers, as do I, appreciate your support. Parents, we thank you for taking on the extra challenges that eLearning Days bring to your plate.

We would also appreciate if you would call or write your legislators to show support for adequate funding for Indiana's traditional public K-12 schools.

As Superintendent of RBBCSC, I am honored to support our public school teachers!

Please know that RBBCSC will be providing an opportunity for students to pick up a healthy meal on the April 13<sup>th</sup> eLearning Day. Details will be sent out to families by our Nutrition Services Department.

Have a great day,

Dr. Sanders

Your 'Friendly' Superintendent

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To RBB parents:

On behalf of our teachers, I am hopeful and appreciative for both your understanding and support with the change in the school day on April 13. The decision by Dr. Sanders to make this day an e-learning day was due to a large contingent of RBB educators who responded to the request from the ISTA (Indiana State Teachers Association) to show up in person to the statehouse on this day to protest some bills that have the potential to become state law that would be detrimental to public education. (view this website if you want to know about these bills: <https://www.ista-in.org/our-advocacy/ista-advocacy-center>)

The ISTA rarely asks teachers to take a day off of work to travel to Indianapolis. The only other time that this occurred was in November 2019, which was a historic moment for our state's teachers. There are times as educators that we feel compelled to take action in order to be heard and to make a positive change in our profession despite the inconveniences it may cause. This is one of those times. We ask that you trust in our professional judgment that we are acting in the best interests of public education, which ultimately benefits your children and our future children as well.

With respect,

Doug Uhls  
RBBEA President