



Dear Colleagues,

The work that you do day in and day out is second to none in importance, quality, and efficiency in a challenging internal and external environment, especially in this time of COVID. The resiliency and perseverance of teachers never cease to amaze me. Year 2020 has been a whirlwind of challenges that we never could have imagined. Despite all of the adversity, you have risen to the occasion. Year 2021 will start out just as challenging, but there is hope on the horizon.

For now, as the first semester draws to a close, our hope is that teachers enjoy a well-deserved break to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, via Zoom of course. Set the work aside and let it be. It's okay. Please know that you are a valued Member and an amazing teacher; you work tirelessly toward the education and well-being of our most important resource - children; you exhibit honor and integrity in educating the children that you have been entrusted with; you promote a caring, resilient, and patient environment second to none; so hold yourself in high esteem as you represent your Association well as a professional teacher! Always remember why you are here - your students need you more than you know. Your students, their parents, and ETA appreciate you. On behalf of the ETA Executive Board and Officers, we appreciate your dedication and hard work.

My wish for you is that you relax and enjoy your children; Zoom with family and friends; and take time to reflect over break - slow down and cherish the moments - you deserve it. I thank you for all that you do for your students, public education, and your continuing membership in your Association. Thank you for being YOU. May God bless you. I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Michael Rust, President, EvansvilleTA



Teachers are Amazing!