

# Putnam County Schools



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To the Putnam County School Staffs, Students, Parents and Health Department:

The Putnam County School administrators would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for everything you have done to allow our schools to push through a most challenging and difficult school year. We are hopeful that the worst is behind us, but also grateful for the lessons learned along the way.

Last July, we began preparations for what we knew would be an unprecedented school year. Individually, nothing would have been possible, but collectively everything became achievable. Every stakeholder mentioned above committed to the idea of bringing the students back to school full time in August.

For school staff members that meant devoting hundreds of summertime hours to working with school administrators to prepare the buildings and classrooms to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies. It also meant consistently practicing these additional prevention-related duties as the year wore on.

For students and parents that meant agreeing to indefinitely adhere to never-before-practiced preventative health measures in our schools. It also meant an unspoken acceptance that their children could be subjected to contracting COVID-19 or be considered a close-contact and quarantined for several days.

For Mrs. Kim Rieman, Mrs. Sherri Recker and other health department officials that meant several meetings with school administrators last summer to determine the safest measures in order to reopen the schools. Then when school began it meant having to successfully balance time among handling the pandemic at large, working with school officials to provide guidance and making countless phone calls to schools and parents when COVID-19 issues arose.

Throughout it all, students, parents, staff members and health department officials acted in the best interests of public health while at the same time working to provide our students with the best possible 2020-21 school year. Despite some stops, starts and learning changes during the school year, we feel we accomplished what we set out to do. Again, that claim would not have been possible without the cooperation, the patience, and the perseverance exhibited by everyone involved.

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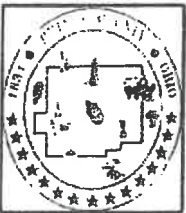
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Therefore, we want to again express our appreciation to our Putnam County staffs, students, parents and health department officials. Thank you to everyone. We wish you all a happy and wonderful summer and look forward to the 2021-22 school year!

Respectfully,

**Putnam County School Administrators**

  
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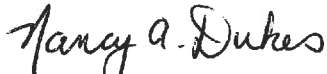
  
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