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Hello from my house, where I am working at my kitchen table!

We are only a couple weeks into our new Distance Learning, and I miss all of our students and staff a whole lot. Although I talk to many teachers and students online each day, it is just not the same. That being said....

I have never been more proud to tell people I work for Cheektowaga Central in our Middle School. The amazing work that I have seen so far from each of our faculty members as well as all of our students who are going online and working with their teachers each day has been enough to make me smile and feel positive during this time. I am so proud of each and everyone of you for rising to this challenge in our current educational environment.

Remember that Monday through Friday are school days. Take time to log in and read and respond to emails from your teachers. Visit your Google classrooms each day and make sure you are up to date on your work. Talk to your family about what work you did or what your classmates and teachers are up to. The main thing we need from our students right now is the regular communication to let us know you are there, you are safe, and you are trying to continue learning from a distance.

Right now, I'd like you to know one thing - we are not closed. Our buildings may be at this time, but we are HERE for YOU! Please email us or call us if you need anything at all. We love hearing from you. We would also love to see pictures of you learning and teaching right now. If you take pictures, please email them so we can share our amazing Warriors with the world! ezaccarine@ccsd-k12.net

Thank you for being YOUR best each and every day. Remember to take deep breaths, get fresh air and sunlight when you are able to, and keep reading! When we are stuck inside, taking time to read and write is a great escape and outlet for us. Reading will take you to all sorts of magical places when we actually aren't leaving our house. Journaling and drawing how we feel, things that make us happy, things that we are grateful for....all of those should leave you feeling more refreshed than when you sat down. Focus on you and the people you are with right now. Play board games, play cards and when you're not on Google Classroom, put down the electronics and talk! And don't forget to dance and sing....we do a lot of that in my house right now because it makes us smile and gets us moving.

We are here for you Warriors and we will be stronger than ever after working through these different and sometimes difficult times. See you soon, and until then, I will see you online!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zaccarine