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*"Teachers teach because they care. Teaching young people is what they do best.
It requires long hours, patience, and care."
(Horace Mann)*

We celebrate each of **YOU -- OUR MANISTEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHERS** -- every day, and especially during National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2020.

This has been an extraordinary year. The recent turn of events presented to all of us in the entire educational community, due to the unprecedented coronavirus-19 global pandemic, has challenged each of you in ways never imagined when the 2019-2020 school year began.

We honor, respect, and celebrate you for your spirit of cooperation, collaboration and teamwork, and for the passion and enthusiasm you bring to your profession and to your students every day. Thank you for sharing your expertise and innovative ideas, assisting with the creation and implementation of the Continuity of Learning Plan for at-home learning and for establishing a sense of connectedness for our students while making every effort to ensure their success! Each of you have embraced this new way of teaching under extraordinary circumstances. You have dedicated your efforts toward supporting your students and their families through the distance learning process, through check-ins to determine their progress and well-being, and by providing resources if and when needed.

During these unique and history-making times at MAPS, you have stayed the course. Your genuine care and concern serve as an inspiration to us, to your students and their families, and to our community. We thank and respect you for your spirit of giving each and every day in making our students the centers of your professional and personal lives.

With our appreciation,

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