



This has certainly been a fall that we will not soon forget, and that we will hope not to repeat with respect to the distractions of the ever concerning COVID-19 virus that hit our country last spring. Even still, we have so much to be thankful for this year. Our staff, students, and community have shown amazing resilience in the face of responding to each and every issue confronted as a result of the virus. The patience and cooperation of our students, staff, families, and community have afforded the District the ability to maintain a focus on providing a high quality education to every student whether in-person or via distance learning.

I want to thank each and every staff member for their commitment, determination, and countless hours invested in assuring that our students' education doesn't suffer during these challenging times. I also want to extend a very sincere thank you to those in our community that have partnered with us as volunteers to provide much needed service during times in which staffing the days' programs was very challenging.

I can only imagine the challenges that faced our ancestors. The pilgrims that entered the new world had much to overcome and learn as they faced the harshest of winters and disease. It was the Native American Tribes that gave them instruction and support in the areas of agriculture and defense against the winter elements. This support would prove to be the turning point for the new settlers, and was the difference in life and death.

As we prepare for the holiday season, let us all look around us at the opportunities that we have to encourage one another and offer those in need support. We are so very blessed to live in a community that comes together to build a strong line of support for our students. I hope that we are all able to see just how blessed we really are, and make a real effort to share our blessings with one another. It may be as simple as an encouraging word, or just a simple smile as we meet on the street.

We look forward to the work ahead as we continue to serve the students of this great District.

We are Tishomingo!

Bobby Waitman