



## IN HONOR OF GALION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO NATIONAL PANDEMIC

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education is extremely proud of the efforts of the entire district staff which has continued to educate, feed, transport, provide a safe and clean environment, implement in-person and virtual learning, and develop robust educational plans in response to the National Pandemic, for the Galion City School District students and families, from preschool through grade 12, who have gone above and beyond to adhere to protocol, remain engaged with in-person and virtual learning, uphold an outstanding sense of community and support for the district during times of uncertainty and challenge; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education has named December 15, 2020, as Excellent Pandemic Response Day; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors the teaching staff and counselors who have made phone calls, sent Reminds, Zoomed, SeeSawed, implemented Wellness Wednesdays for student support, emailed and texted students at all grade levels at all hours of the day and night while maintaining the commitment to provide a quality education to all in-person, quarantined or online Galion students; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors the kitchen staff who have fed our students since the beginning of the pandemic, preparing and providing two quality FREE meals, six days per week at drop off points in neighborhoods, and in classroom buildings, for students who attend the Galion Online Academy and the non-school age children of the Galion community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all bus drivers and transportation staff who ensure the cleanliness of all district vehicles while transporting our students safely and who have delivered meals since the onset of the pandemic including summer months; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all custodial and maintenance staff for seamlessly executing regular cleanings and Wednesday deep cleanings, the regular use of the eStat sprayer, and installing plexi-glass partitions in classrooms and common areas; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all administrative assistants and secretarial staff members for proving streamlined customer service to all students and families and for acting as frontline communication experts for questions, concerns and challenging situations on a daily basis; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all educational aides, one-to-one aides and school nurses who have monitored health and safety protocols, assisted with meal delivery, aided in regular temperature checks and supported our students and families with academic and social needs; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all athletic coaches, extra-curricular advisors, and the Athletic Director for maintaining a high level of safe participation while adhering to all the pandemic protocols so that our students may continue to participate in extracurriculars; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors the technology department for their dedication in providing a 1:1 environment for all students KG through grade 12 as well as their continued preparation, implementation and training of staff on new platforms and learning systems to deliver remote instruction to our students; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all administrators for the extraordinary efforts to develop a "gold standard reopening plan" and the leadership to communicate with staff and students to maintain the high quality instruction both in person and virtually, and with limited staff due to quarantine and focus on what is best for kids and growth of staff; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all fiscal office staff and their ability to navigate operations without interruption during mandated shutdowns and quarantines, including Covid Fee Holiday for all students, and reallocation of funds to provide needed resources to teaching staff and custodial staff; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all special education service providers for their ability to modify services such as OT / PT and Speech for students from in person to virtual delivery during extenuating circumstances; and*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors all students and families for the unwavering grace and resiliency displayed toward every challenge that has preceded them and for their unmatched support of the district;*

*WHEREAS, the Galion City School District Board of Education honors our first year Superintendent, Mrs. Jennifer Allarding, for the hours dedicated day and night to contact tracing; numerous phone calls to personally contact families regarding probable COVID-19 cases in the district; multiple Facebook Live sessions to inform families and the community about the pandemic and the impact on the district; continual communication by phone, email and all-call to staff, families, students, and the community about the pandemic and how it impacts the district; formulation of the "reopening plan" committee with all key stakeholders, including staff, families, students and the Galion community to develop a gold-standard reopening plan; implementing strong communication with the Galion Health Department; providing PPE and resources for safety in all district buildings; collaboration with teaching staff when quarantined to continue quality education for our students; development of methodology to educate students and to meet family needs, whether in person, online or remotely; and for creating incentives to attract substitutes for all positions in the district; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grant Garverick, President, Galion City Schools District Board of Education, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2020 as*

## ***"GALION CITY SCHOOLS EXCELLENT PANDEMIC RESPONSE DAY"***

*and take great pleasure in presenting this proclamation to the Galion community, students, faculty, support staff and parents of Galion City Schools for this outstanding achievement.*

*IN WITNESS THEREOF, I do hereby set my hand of the Galion City Schools Board of Education affixed this 15th day of December 2020.*

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*Grant Garverick, President*