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Good Morning all EPS Staff!

I hope today is a good start to a great week - This week is Education Support Professionals Week! I think we would all agree that classified staff are valued and appreciated members of our exceptional team.

We often see how students depend on food and nutrition staff preparing and delivering high-quality breakfasts and lunches with kindness, how school office staff respond to student and family requests that are ever-changing in our hybrid and remote environment, and how helpful field technicians and Help Desk staff solve our technology issues so we can be productive and students can learn remotely.

Every day there are examples of how classified staff go above and beyond, much of it happening behind the scenes. Think about the things that occur, because it is a vital part of someone's job, that we often take for granted:

- Payroll and Finance makes sure not only do we get our paychecks every month, but that bills are paid, we have long-term financial stability, and our funding sources are consistently monitored.
- Transportation flexes to see that students have transportation as we begin the return to in-person learning in school buildings, while also helping food services deliver thousands of meals to families.
- Paraeducators not only provide instructional support, but also build supportive relationships and provide encouragement to our students.
- Schools and classrooms are cleaned every day by our maintenance and custodial crews ensuring a safe learning environment for students and staff.
- School grounds are maintained making sure students and staff have cleared walkways and district properties are welcoming and presentable.
- Health Services in each of our schools assist and comfort students when they are ill, and during hybrid learning, they ensure health and safety protocols are followed.
- Security ensures students, staff and facilities are secure and safe.
- Substitutes are prepared at a moment's notice to fill vacancies and ensure learning continues.
- All of our department classified staff are offering support to employees, students, families, and communities.

To each and every education support professional, I salute you for the many things you do **each day**, seen and unseen. I offer a humble and deeply sincere "thank you."

Be safe and be well,

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