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Dear Colleague:

Good morning! I'm glad you're back! I hope your return was safe and smooth after a tumultuous 24 hours.

For some district staff Tuesday afternoon, evening and into-the-night were working adventures – as was much of the day Wednesday for them.

I invite you to send a shout out today to our grounds, maintenance, custodial and trades staff who were everywhere in the district Tuesday night checking on our schools and support facilities. With very short turnaround, they were at it again on Wednesday to check and fix electrical and heating systems, roofs, and plumbing. As you arrived at work today, you probably noticed the tangle of limbs and debris were gone from the parking lots and walkways ... because district staff cut, chopped, lifted, totes, and hauled the debris out of the way.

Instructional technology staff were “all over it” Wednesday, restarting the data center, checking our communications systems and servers, and babysitting sensitive systems which had become a bit prickly after unreliable power dips and peaks. Even though the CRC was closed yesterday, the Welcome Desk was open so callers got a real live person when they dialed our main 4000 number. Principals went to schools early yesterday morning just to be sure no students were standing outside in the cold if they missed our “closed” messages.

Surely there are other windy day hero stories out there, and I do hope you will share them – and please do take a moment to personally thank everyone who did what it takes to adapt to this week's storm and return our schools to normal as quickly as possible. We have much to be thankful for – not least of all, each other!

Here's to the rest of the week; may it be uneventful. And here's to all our colleagues who work so hard to keep our facilities safe and warm and ready for learning. Thank you!

Warm wishes,



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