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Dear Colleague:

Many of us will sit with family and friends at Thanksgiving tables in the upcoming days of this holiday season. And —unless we have taken part in stuffing the turkey, or slicing pie apples, or whipping potatoes— we may give little thought to the skillful coordination, timing and planning it takes to make such a banquet possible. And yet, under skillful hands, a banquet results.

In a similar way, our school teams produce magic every single day. Thousands of students get on the right buses and arrive at the right school at the right time. Thousands are served healthy meals in clean and safe facilities, and they experience the high art and science of learning in classrooms with caring, professional adults and equipment and supplies poised to spark their learning.

Opening a school door to hundreds, even thousands of children, shepherding them through a day safely, inspiring them to be leaders and responsible citizens of the future and sending them home each afternoon is nothing short of a miracle that you help choreograph day after day after day.

The recent [recognition by my peers](#) at WASA, and [recognition of our school board](#) again by WSSDA, are statements about *our work together*. Each of us knows awards such as these, are not as much about individuals as they are about teams of exceptional professionals who make such individual recognition possible.

I will be thankful, and appreciative, for the Thanksgiving time and meals with my family —and the efforts made to create that celebration feat —just as I am each day thankful for the remarkable teams of individuals who make it possible every day to do the work and generate the results for our students that have led to the honors we’ve celebrated in the past several days.

This district is —simply stated— incredible. I can’t describe in few words what a joy it is to come to work here, every day, with you.

I thank you, I wish you every blessing in the coming months, and I hope for you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving this weekend.

Warmest regards,

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