

November 9, 2019

Mooresville Families -

We appreciate the many supportive messages we've received from parents and community members who've learned about the Indiana State Teachers Association's <u>#GoRedForEd</u> rally at the Indiana Statehouse this month. Our administration and the leadership of the Mooresville Classroom Teachers Association met last week regarding the November 19<sup>th</sup> event. We wanted to share the key points and decision from that discussion.

Mooresville Schools WILL be in session on Tuesday, November 19. Our job is to educate students, and we do that best when we are here. We support our teachers and staff members. They are dedicated professionals who teach and care for students every day. Their passion and commitment are unparalleled as they work to support every student in learning.

Several key areas were considered as part of this discussion. When school is closed, it can put children at risk. For families without a backup childcare plan, it could mean an unexpected, unpaid day off work (if that's even an option), or leaving children unattended. Not having school also means not having breakfast and lunch for the approximately 40% of students in our district who benefit from free and reduced meal programs. We believe this decision is the best for our community's children.

Several teachers will be utilizing a professional day to represent Mooresville at the Indiana Statehouse on Nov. 19. We appreciate their commitment to the cause. Staff members who spend the day at school are encouraged to wear red in support of their fellow educators.

If you're interested in helping our state legislators appreciate your support for public education, we encourage you to reach out to them directly. There is no better way to voice your concerns about how our legislature manages public education, and to show your support for public educators, than to communicate with elected officials. To make that process easier, here are the names of our local legislators:

State Representative Peggy Mayfield, Republican, House District 60

State Senator Rod Bray, Republican, Senate District 37

State Representative John Young, Republican, House District 47

General legislator contact information is available at 800-382-9467. To find the name and direct contact information for each, you may visit the Indiana General Assembly <u>Find Your Legislator database</u>.

Mooresville Schools Administration