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The Honorable Luther Olsen Wisconsin State Senate State Capital PO Box 53707 Madison, WI 53708

Dear Senator Olsen,

Thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and I hope all is well with you and your family in these challenging times. I'm reaching out to you to offer my availability in any conversations, discussions, or work that you may assist in providing insights to the current pandemic, Safer-at-Home limitations, and the impact these have on public school education here in Columbia County.

Since March 16, 2020, Cambria-Friesland Schools have been closed to students. In the previous four days, the district refined and implemented it's Pandemic Response and Continuity of Learning Plans. Over the course of those days, the district was able to provide each child with all textbooks, educational plans, and electronic devices as our educational model transitioned to offsite/online programming. In the process each child recieved an Ipad, chromebook, and for families without internet, 50 hotspots with monthly service charges were provided by the district. As you know rural Wisconsin struggles to service residents with broadband access. Like many of our partners in public education our Food Service began providing breakfast and lunch to any child in the district ages 18 and under. The meals are delivered directly to our families homes, and as of Friday a total of 324 meals were dropped off by our small band of food service workers. More than educational services, the district has collaborated with our local food pantry and staff twice a week deliver food and supplies to those in need. The families we tend to are often our elderly and or people in some way are compromised that their movements need to be limited.

In truth as we draw closer to June, many of our students and parents are struggling to remain strongly engaged with our Continuity of Learning educational programming. This is more than understandable, and our teachers and support staff have established communications with families encouraging them as best possible. As a district we've worked to embrace the lessons of this moment. To educate our children we've had to expand ourselves beyond anything attempted in the past. This exprerience will make us better providers for our students, families, and even greater community.

In the past your office has been receptive to communication and dialougue. Your visits to Cambria have always been appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you again one day again soon. As shared, if there's anything I can do or provide to assist in supporting your work at the capital, I am available as needed. The only way to overcome a tsunani's challenge is to navigate those waters is through strong collaboration. Togetherness is the key to changing those tides.

Sincerely,

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