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Patrik D. Williams, Superintendent

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Dear Smyrna-Clayton-Kenton Community,

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe as the holidays quickly approach.

Since it is well past that time when we would have begun preparing for our annual “I Love Smyrna School District Day” celebration, I wanted to reach out to our community with an update. Because our primary goal is keeping all of our students physically in attendance every school day through June, we will not be hosting “I Love Smyrna School District Day” this school year. We understand that this annual occasion, originally planned for Saturday, February 26, 2022, is a signature event for our entire district family. We celebrate the opportunity each year to honor our students’ accomplishments, our district’s collective efforts and our community’s investment in our families.

Understanding our responsibility to this community, however, it would be unwise for us to plan an event at which over 6,000 people circulate indoors while in close proximity to one another. The detailed planning for this signature event is months in the making, and even now, we are well past the time when this planning should have begun.

We know that the cancellation of “I Love Smyrna School District Day” is a loss for all of us, but we plan to continue our *new tradition* of offering a fall festival each October. This year’s event was a huge success, and we are planning to incorporate some aspects of “I Love Smyrna School District Day” into next fall’s event. I am sure that given the opportunity to expand our outdoor festival, we will be able to incorporate creative ways to celebrate our students, our staff and our community.

I personally thank you for your understanding and support, and may your holiday season be festive.

Sincerely,

Patrik Williams
Superintendent