PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 18 TEACHERS SEND LOVE TO THEIR STUDENTS THROUGH VIDEO

PATERNSON – As district officials have been distributing a new round of student home instruction packets online and at 23 locations this week, a group of Public School No. 18 educators put together a video to help make sure their students can get a little bit of what isn’t in the packets – but is normally abundant in their classrooms, love and caring.

“There’s a lot more to teaching than instruction. Teaching is just as much about love and caring for students as it is about content and subject matter,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. “I want to thank all of the teachers and staff who put together this video message to their students. During this difficult time, and it means so much to our students that they know that their teachers, and all of us in the district, miss them. We love them and we can’t wait to see them back at school again.”

The staff-produced video opens with an empathetic message for students who have not been able to come to school since March 16th.

“This is new for all of us,” a caption on the video reads as photos from familiar school scenes transition on the screen. “But we wanted to take a moment and let you know that we appreciate you and miss you. We are thinking of you.”

Some faculty members are seen in photos holding up signs with messages like, “Big hugs,” “Thinking of you,” and “Hope you’re staying safe and healthy.”

Other teachers are featured in video clips. “Keep working hard and we will see you soon,” says one first grade teacher, with her children in the background and rabbit ears and whiskers superimposed on her TikTok style.

“Try to be positive, stay safe and wash your hands,” another teacher says.

The video can be viewed at this link: https://youtu.be/lqd0K-2lvxF

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