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Viewing the images from Western Kentucky last Saturday made me realize that I truly cannot imagine what it was like for our fellow Kentuckians to experience firsthand the deadly tornadoes that devastated Mayfield and several other communities. All was seemingly normal during the day on Friday. Students went to class. Children engaged in extracurricular activities and maybe finalized their Christmas lists. The holiday break was quickly approaching, and with it the anticipation of time with friends and family. No one would have expected the worst and that the same places used for learning and community engagement would be shelters, staging, and trauma centers the following day. Our hearts go out to the families who must now rebuild their homes and lives, and do so while trying to access reliable food, water, clothing and shelter as the weather turns colder.

Our community responded with a selflessness we see time and again in Fort Thomas. We are a community that is ready for action, and I want to personally thank each and every one of you. When we put out a call for assistance over the weekend, each one of our five schools asked for specific items to best assist our friends and neighbors in Mayfield and western Kentucky. The response has been overwhelming and truly reflects the generosity and compassion that make up our community fabric. To reflect the needs communicated by my colleagues in Dawson Springs, Mayfield, and Bowling Green, we have since shifted to monetary donations to ensure our help goes to where it is needed most. Thank you for modeling to our children what it means to empathize and support those in need at a moment's notice. I knew Fort Thomas would rise to the occasion and you've surpassed anything I could have predicted with your kindness. They will need us for quite some time as it will likely take years to rebuild Mayfield. My prayer is that our contributions from Fort Thomas will help in the journey ahead. I encourage us to keep their community close to our hearts and to continue assisting as we can as time goes on.

The holiday season gives us an opportunity to reflect on our many gifts. Amazing students, supportive families, a community with deep-rooted investment in education, and world-class teachers make Fort Thomas a uniquely special place. We have so many blessings in our district. We appreciate the grace you give when we need it and the support for doing whatever it takes to rally and overcome obstacles. This is clearly the Fort Thomas way. Thank you for your partnership. As we approach 2022, your example is evidence to me that the best is yet to come!

Sincerely,

Brian