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Good afternoon, Washoe County School District Family—

Today, we welcomed more than 1,400 educators, families, and community representatives from across the country and around the world to the Family Engagement Conference at the Peppermill. It was my pleasure to participate in the opening ceremonies, and I commend our colleagues in Family-School Partnerships for their outstanding efforts in organizing this event. D’Lisa Crain and her team have taken on this huge project—which includes site visits, workshops, and speeches from renowned educators and experts in the field— and their hard work is evident. The conference will wrap up on Friday.

Teamwork is key to so much that we do—both internally and externally—and I appreciate your hard work on behalf of our students and families. It’s been a challenging time for our entire District, and I know we have leaned on each other for support and encouragement. It is my hope we continue to do that for each other.

Unless I hear otherwise from you all, today marks my last *daily* update. I want you to know that candid, kind communication remains a top priority for me. My door is open, and I encourage you to continue communicating with me as much as you need to. Exciting days lie ahead as we welcome new teachers, set up the Back to School Expo, prepare to open brand-new schools, and start the 2019-2020 school year as a team.

I’ll be sure to keep in touch with weekly updates as we move forward.

Take care,

Kristen

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