



# Bristol Tennessee City Schools

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Dear Valued Community Partner:

Over the past year of the pandemic, our community has supported each other in ways we never imagined possible. Personally, I have been in awe of the support our school district has received. I assure you that we could not have successfully opened our schools and remained in school without the support of people like you in our community. I am reaching out to invite you to support us once again.

My board of education and I are asking community partners to join us in a year-end initiative to honor the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff. From now through the end of the school year, we are planning to reward our employees through weekly drawings for gifts donated by community businesses and individuals. If you are willing to donate gifts, gift certificates, or coupons (no matter the size), we will recognize your business during our Facebook Live weekly drawing, other social media posts, and on our district website.

There has never been a time in the history of public education when we were called upon to do more. As in so many situations, likely even within your own organization, our staff members quickly shifted from everything familiar about their jobs to a drastically new way of operations. Each day brought new and unexpected challenges. Yet each day, those challenges were met with flexibility and grace.

While this pandemic took so much, it also gave us the opportunity to show our community's strength, resilience, and support for one another. Regardless of your participation in this effort, please know that we appreciate and value you as an important community partner. If you have questions, Rebecca House, our communications coordinator, is organizing this effort. You may contact her at (423) 967-7681 or [houser@btcs.org](mailto:houser@btcs.org) for additional information or to pick up donations. Again, on behalf of our students, families, staff, and board members, I thank you!

Sincerely,

Annette Tudor  
Director of Schools

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