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Dear Miami Public School Parents and Community Members,

This past week has been challenging! The ongoing statewide teacher walkout has taken a toll on us all and we appreciate your support and encouragement as we continue to fight for our students. We are thankful for the steps taken by our legislature up to this point, but we still have a way to go to fill the hole left by a decade of cuts to state aid formula dollars. I met with our staff Saturday afternoon and it is abundantly clear that we all feel there is more work to be done.

The message remains clear. This is NOT all about a pay raise, but about protecting OUR students. It is our hope that through our continued efforts we can acquire the funding they need for their education.

In order to allow our staff to maintain advocacy at the Capitol and give stakeholders sufficient time to plan, **Miami Public Schools will be closed on Tuesday, April 10th in addition to the previously announced closure of Monday, April 9th.** This will allow our staff and stakeholders the opportunity to further emphasize the need for a long-term commitment supporting our students and our state. It is our hope that our state legislature will find an expedient means to an end so we can return to the classroom.

We will notify the public no later than 3:00PM on Tuesday, April 10th of plans for the following days. The district will continue to provide breakfast and lunch at Nichols Upper Elementary School. Please see our website (www.miami.k12.ok.us) for more information on district operations during the walkout. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue in our efforts to provide the best for the students of Miami.

Together in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Hogan". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jeremy Hogan
Superintendent
Miami Public Schools