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To: Hshsl-All Staff
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And another week flies by.

I feel as though I spent the week in meetings and in looking back over my calendar, I did!

Thanks to so many of you that attended today's building reopening meeting. I think at one point I saw 57 people. I am just thankful that with all my foul-ups scheduling the meeting, people found their way there!

A couple of takeaways –

1. In case you didn't hear it enough, the safety of our staff is the preeminent consideration in all the planning. That is always the planning team's starting point.
2. I think some of you thought this was the final plan. It isn't. The playing surface changes daily (remember what I said about 5:00 on Friday afternoons). We are still fine tuning many elements of our plan. Unfortunately, there are some elements we simply cannot address until they are addressed at the UMB level. By the time we reopen, they will be addressed one way or another. The two key issues that I sent up the chain this afternoon were:
 - a. Decisions about consequences for violations of campus COVID policies, in real time. I called them Immediate Response to Episodic Violations (IREV because everything has to spell something). I suggested we be allowed to apply our current policies for disruptive behavior and incident reporting. I have suggested this before and if we do not receive a response regarding this we will put our own policies in place until told to stop.
 - b. Contact tracing. I feel I wasn't clear this morning. We do not yet have direction from UMB regarding contact tracing. We have been investigating our own accountability system which could be swiping ID badges (similar to going to UMB events), or using Aleph to scan badges, or something we haven't thought of yet. I have also asked how we will be notified regarding any positive tests that may occur elsewhere at UMB in the event we hosted the user.
3. I take it for granted that you have been involved with all the ongoing conversations and minutiae our team takes into consideration. We have had to solve a lot of problems and everyone involved has done a stellar job.
4. My resting face is intense. So if I look angry or frustrated or crazed, that is just me thinking about what is being said. My daughter says it can be scary. I need a Zoom neutral face.

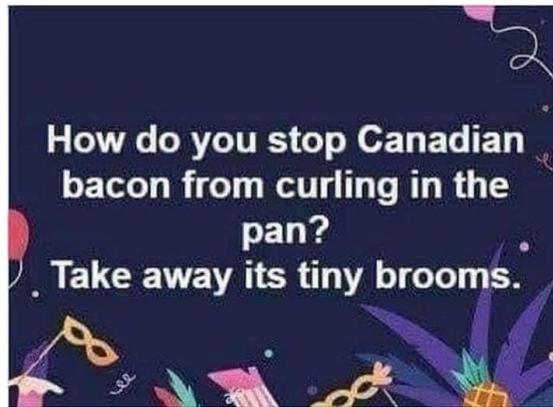
Wasn't Robin's Virtual Retirement nice? Thanks for coming. I know she and Glenna appreciated the turnout, the comments, and all the wonderful, encouraging things many of you have done to support her leading up to this point.

The Walking Challenge finishes today. Our team has been amazing and regardless of finish, it has been an incredibly supportive and positive experience. It might not be over as we have reached out to CATS to develop our own internal tracking system. Not to be competitive with each other but to set walking goals individually and as a team. Everyone that has participated can agree we are in better shape than when we started!

And because inquiring minds need to know about a favorite childhood toy:

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/brief-history-cozy-coupe-180975545/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20200813-daily-responsive-a&spMailingID=43194700&spUserID=NzQwNDU1Njk5MDMS1&spJobID=1821123064&spReportId=MTgyMTEyMzA2NAS2

And my favorite groaner for the week:



Stay safe and well!

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