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A friend and principal in Taos New Mexico wrote me at the beginning of the stay at home orders: “Teachers are the most adaptable creatures around. 180-degree shift in the idea of "school" and BOOM, two weeks later they are running with it.” I think we all fall in the trap sometimes of thinking about what we are not doing, rather than what we are doing.

Teachers and administrators are trained by the reality of the job to never feel like “we got this, 100%.” There is always a struggling student or teacher that needs more support, and it is up to us to figure out how to provide more support. Every system has mechanisms in place to keep the organizational machine moving forward. The military relies on chain of command. Nobody can move unless the command at the top rattles the chain. The medical field relies on years and years of scientific research that create best protocols to guide decisions. Education is at the core a human system. Yes, it has a chain of command and yes it has educational research, but at the end of the day, it is a system guided by humans for the growth of humans.

So, as we continue keeping our schools working, remember you are a human in the system. Take time to pat yourself on the back, just like you would for a student that is trying really, really hard in your class or for a teacher that is making strides to master a complex profession.