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Students and parents arrived in cars to the Spirit Rally Drive Thru at Assumption Academy and were greeted by giant signs made by the teachers to express how much they miss their students. Children also held signs in their cars saying they missed their teachers too. See page 4.



"STAY STRONG" was the theme of the Spirit Rally Drive Thru held by St. Albert-Assumption Academy teachers and staff in Broadview Heights on Sunday, April 19th in the school's parking lot. See more photos on page 4. Photos by Ryan Grzybowski

# Brecksville mayor says layoffs are the last thing city would do during crisis

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For a second time, April 21st, the Brecksville City Council met remotely via Facebook Live, a channel more and more municipalities in Northeast Ohio are using to connect with residents and coordinate a response to the coronavirus pandemic. As long as the need for social distance persists, the frequency of virtual public meetings will increase

until the community can once again rely on roads to connect, physically gather, and together, make the slow journey back to normalcy.

Until then, many in Brecksville are wondering if the road program will move forward because of the potential for lost income tax revenue the pandemic presents. At the meeting, the mayor took the opportunity to address their concerns head-on.

"We can't afford to fall behind—the

dollars are allocated, the dollars are there," Brecksville Mayor Jerry Hruby said. As far as the project on Chippewa Road and Calvin Drive, we have grant money—there are some timetables involved, but at this point, I can't see doing anything but moving forward."

Mayor Hruby also urged council members to press ahead on the sanitary sewer project in the same area as well, along Route 82. Mayor Hruby has

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