

March 24, 2020

Dear Parent:

As you know, Fort Bend ISD has suspended normal school operations through April 10, 2020 to support our community and health care professionals in the ongoing goal of containing the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. We did not make this decision lightly, realizing that it presents significant difficulties to working parents. We also are mindful of the special challenges faced by the parents of our students with disabilities, for whom disruption in regular school schedules and services can be especially concerning. However, we are hopeful that the measures Fort Bend ISD is taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 will better ensure the long-term health and safety of children, staff, and the larger community.

In order to afford all students with educational opportunities during this unprecedented situation, Fort Bend ISD has shared At-Home Learning resources with families to allow students to continue engagement in the learning process while at home. You can find that information here: www.fortbendisd.com/athomelearning. In the days to come, staff from your student's campus will be contacting you to discuss continuity of instruction for your student through alternative methods, such as instructional telephone calls, online or virtual school programs, and other curriculum based activities to the extent available. As Dr. Dupre shared last week, staff are working diligently to prepare learning systems and experiences that will allow our students to engage in online learning. Based on your child's individual needs and services, staff will be contacting you to discuss the implementation of your child's special education services and as appropriate, document agreed upon amendments to your child's IEP and services. We anticipate students served with special education services will begin receiving instruction the week of March 30. Thank you in advance for partnering with us to identify how we can appropriately serve your child until normal school operations are again in place.

Fort Bend ISD has established a web page devoted to communicating up to date information with parents and the community regarding COVID-19. The site contains links to both FBISD and outside resources to assist in answering your questions. You can find that information here: <u>www.fortbendisd.com/covid19</u>. We will continue to monitor the situation daily and post additional information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to support your child's learning and success.

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