



NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Randy Moczygamba
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear New Braunfels ISD Family,

New Braunfels ISD is continuing to evaluate information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) that we are receiving from local and state health officials and from the Center for Disease Control at the Federal level.

Many of the metropolitan cities, including San Antonio, have declared public health emergency and are prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people. As of yesterday, we received information that the number of confirmed cases in Hays County has climbed to three. Bexar County and Travis County have multiple confirmed cases.

Because the number of cases is rising in Bexar and Hays County and out of an abundance of caution, New Braunfels ISD is joining other districts in our region in extending our closure through Friday, April 3. This will allow parents to plan for the longer-term closure of our campuses.

In the meantime, we have begun implementing remote learning and education opportunities for our families with our one-to-one initiative that allows every student access to a learning device. iPad distribution begins tomorrow for elementary families and you should have received those instructions in an email earlier today. We will continue to share information regarding education resources on our website. Even though this is uncharted territory for remote learning, I want to assure you we are prepared and our staff is committed to provide remote instruction during the closure.

Secondary teachers began rolling out educational opportunities to their students yesterday through remote online instruction. All teachers will be providing educational opportunities for all students by Monday, March 23. Additional information will be posted online with links from our information page http://nbisd.org/page/Coronavirus_COVID-19.

This week, Governor Greg Abbott also announced that he has waived the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. The Department of Education (USDOE), however, must also approve waiving federal testing requirements for this school year, but that request has already been made by Governor Abbott. We will provide information on the USDOE decision as it becomes available.

We will continue to provide regular updates on our website, social media channels and through SchoolMessenger. Please update your communication preferences on SchoolMessenger by downloading the app or emailing news@nbisd.org.

All extracurricular activities are canceled during the time of school closure. All field trips for the remainder of the school year are being canceled to reduce the chance of exposure when we return.

We understand that these decisions have put a strain on many families and these constant developments are stressful. We want you to know that we are committed to providing the resources you need and to continue to provide services remotely. We must work together to ensure the future success of all students. We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for being a part of the New Braunfels ISD Family!

Sincerely,
Randy Moczygema
Superintendent of Schools