



NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear NBISD Family:

I have a few things to share with you related to the end of the current school year.

End of School Year and Last Day of Instruction

The NBISD calendar for the 2019-2020 school year was approved by the Board of Trustees last Spring, 2019. This calendar resulted in banking additional minutes each day.

Our Middle Schools, NBHS Ninth Grade Center, and NBHS have not used any of their banked minutes this year resulting in 1,215 banked minutes. These banked minutes will allow us to end instruction for these campuses at the end of the day on Friday, May 22.

Our Elementary campuses have enough banked minutes in reserve to allow us to end instruction with an early release on Wednesday, May 27.

This change in the school calendar received board approval during the regular board meeting on Monday, May 18.

Return of School Equipment and Supplies/Pickup of Student Belongings

You will be receiving notifications from your child(ren)'s campus(es) letting you know the dates and times that you may return all school equipment and supplies and to pick up any belongings that they have in lockers, desks, etc. Pick-up and drop-off will be curbside with no face-to-face contact. The notifications will have maps and detailed instructions for you. You will also receive a notification from the technology department with specific details on returning iPads. The middle school and high school athletic departments have already sent out instructions and details on returning athletic equipment and uniforms and that process is already underway.

Graduation

NBHS will be hosting two graduation events this year due to COVID-19. We originally planned and prepared a virtual ceremony for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28. This program has been pre-recorded and will be available on-line at that time. The link will be made public in the next few days.

On May 18, school districts received guidance from the Texas Education Agency regarding graduation ceremonies. This guidance allows school districts in any county in Texas to hold an outdoor ceremony after May 29. We have scheduled, and are in the final planning stages of, a Diploma Ceremony on Friday, June 5, at 8:00 p.m. in Unicorn Stadium.

The Texas Education Agency guidance has many restrictions that we are required to follow to maximize social distancing. Full details of these restrictions will be communicated to senior parents by correspondence and delivered in a packet to each graduate prior to the ceremony. You may view the Texas Education Agency Guidance for Graduation and End-of-Year Promotion Ceremonies During COVID-19 Updated May 18, 2020, at https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/graduation_ceremonies_updated_5.6.pdf

Summer School

Due to social distancing requirements, Summer School will be limited this year. Information for Summer School will be sent directly to those parents whose child qualifies in the near future.

Summer Training and Practices

We received information from UIL this week that limited athletic physical training and band practices may begin on June 8, 2020. We will be sending out more information once we receive these details.

Beginning of School Year

We have formed a committee to plan for the 2020-21 academic year. The academic year will begin on August 24, 2020, as originally planned. We are anxiously awaiting guidance from the Texas Education Agency to determine what restrictions may be imposed for the start of the school year. We will be utilizing ThoughtExchange and surveys to gather input from all parents and staff in the near future to help us in planning for the coming school year. Your participation is urgently needed in these ThoughtExchanges and surveys.

We will continue to send updates when we receive new information. Please continue to “Stay Home and Stay Safe” as much as possible. We are still seeing new cases of COVID-19 in Comal and Guadalupe Counties. We are all anxious to move back into our “normal” routines, however your safety and that of our faculty and staff continue to be our number one priority.

Sincerely,
Randy Moczygamba
Superintendent of Schools