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## MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSES SCHOOLS FOR TWO WEEKS (MARCH 16th - MARCH 27th, 2020)

March 15, 2020

Dear Magnolia School District Families,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. With that in mind, an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened Friday evening, March 13th, 2020. The Board provided direction authorizing me to take all appropriate action to respond to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Out of an abundance of caution, in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, and with guidance from local, state, and federal health experts, **students will be dismissed from school beginning Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27. To date, there are NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Magnolia Elementary School District or any other districts in Orange County.** We will be providing additional communication should it become necessary to extend school closures beyond this time. This is not an easy decision and not one that was taken lightly. The closing of any school has real consequences beyond the loss of instructional time.

Federal, state, and local health agencies advise that students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible to keep caregivers and adult family members safe. While children have not been shown to be at high-risk for serious illness from COVID-19, these steps are critically important in supporting public health as children can transmit the virus to those that are most vulnerable.

Our District is taking the following steps to provide support to our families:

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

- All students were sent home with At-Home learning materials on Friday, March 13. We will be providing additional At-Home learning updates and resources as they are developed.
- At-Home Learning plans may be accessed digitally by visiting (<https://www.magnoliasd.org/apps/pages/homelearning>)
- Families can also use our regular MSD technology resources available by visiting <http://students.magnoliasd.org>

### **ACCESS TO MEALS**

Starting Tuesday, March, 17, the District will be providing school meals at all nine schools so that students have access to breakfast and lunch during the two weeks that school is closed. Meals will be provided through a drive-up/walk-up service where students may take their meals to-go during the following time periods:

- Breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30 AM
- Lunch: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The menus will be available on the Food Services website at <https://www.magnoliasd.org/menus/>. There is no registration required but children must be present to receive a meal.

### **ACCESS TO INTERNET**

Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households. More information about Internet Access can be found by <http://www.magnoliasd.org/internet-access/>

We will continue to send updates to families via phone and web messages on any developments that may impact student attendance at school. This information will also be posted on the district website, [www.magnoliasd.org](http://www.magnoliasd.org).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our entire district staff, I thank each of you for your patience and trust as we all work together through this unprecedented public health crisis.

Sincerely,



Frank Donovan, Ed.D.  
Superintendent