

Dear Moody Bearcat Family,

Governor Greg Abbott issued several executive orders today, including one that closes all Texas schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, as it "would be unsafe to allow students to gather." I will be expecting more information from the Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath about the closures and about conducting graduation ceremonies.

I am heartbroken for our Seniors and their families, along with all of our students who will miss the rest of this spring semester. We will be pursuing and looking at multiple ideas and plans for graduation and other senior events. As we receive new information we will notify you.

Our Instructional continuity plan will continue. We will continue monitoring and adjusting as needed. Please continue communicating with your child's campus principal including specific campus questions and or needs. Our daily feeding program continues to serve 120-150 each day from 11:00-12:30. We will continue through the end of school and into the summer with our summer feeding. Stay tuned for updates.

We are extremely proud of our teachers, campus leaders, child nutrition services, and support staff who have provided meal services and remote instruction for our students. Our Technology staff has done a remarkable job with remote instruction help and also continuing to work on devices and troubleshoot for all involved. Our hardworking custodians and operations staff continue to do an outstanding job maintaining and working in our facilities and other areas.

As I have stated in my messages to our families, friends and supporters, we're tough, resilient and have GRIT here in our district, it's THE MOODY WAY. We will continue to make adjustments as we go with the best interest of our students and teachers in our minds and hearts. I will be working closely with our school board and district leadership team to review requirements/guidance from our TEA Commissioner as we progress.

Please stay safe! God bless all of you and your families!

GO BEARCATS!

Gary Martel

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