



TEMPLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Providing a Global Education in Central Texas

March 13, 2020

Dear Temple ISD Community

Due to the latest announcements regarding the spread of COVID-19 in our county, TISD will be extending spring break by one week. Schools will remain closed Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20. This closure also applies to all after-school care, extended day programs, field trips, extra-curricular and district-sponsored events.

TISD has made this decision in conjunction with other local entities and with direction from the Bell County and State Health Departments. TISD will continue to consult with local public health officials, monitor the situation daily and will provide timely updates to our families and staff.

At this time, we intend on returning to our regular schedules starting Monday, March 23. This is a fluid situation, so any changes to the regular schedule will be communicated in a timely and appropriate manner.

This was not an easy decision to make due to the potential impact it will have on our families, but the safety of our students and our staff is our highest priority. Further, this helps protect our greater community, which includes those that are most vulnerable to the virus.

To mitigate some of these hardships, TISD will arrange for breakfast and lunch to be offered each day next week to all students, no matter economic status or attending campus. Our feeding program will take place at the following elementary campuses: Jefferson, Western Hills, Scott, Meridith-Dunbar and Thornton. Any student in TISD is welcome to participate at any of our campus locations. Breakfast times will run from 7:30 am – 8:30 am and lunch will run from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

In the meantime, we encourage you and your family to take precautions such as frequent hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, and avoiding touching your face, eyes, and mouth.

If you have concerns that you have been exposed to the virus, or if you have any symptoms, you should contact your personal health provider. Further, if your **student or a family member** tests positive for the virus, you should **contact TISD Director of Health Services** immediately at kim.glawe@tisd.org or 254.215.6893. If you are a **Temple ISD employee** and you test positive for the virus, you should **contact Human Resources** immediately at amy.hayes@tisd.org or 254.215.6776.

The safety and well-being of our district community is our utmost concern. For all official communication from our district, please refer to our [COVID-19 Response Page](#). District administration keeps this page updated with our letters to parents, factual information about COVID-19, parent resources and FAQs.

Sincerely,

Bobby Ott, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Temple ISD