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Dear Ballinger ISD Parents and Guardians,

After much thought and discussion with the Region 15 Service Center and area Superintendents, Ballinger ISD has decided to extend spring break for Ballinger ISD students through the week of March 16th - March 20th. Ballinger ISD staff members will be working during this week to plan for the possible issues that may arise in the upcoming spring semester due to the COVID-19 virus. As of now, classes will resume on March 23.

Ballinger ISD remains in close contact with the Region 15 Service Center, the Texas Education Commissioner, and the Texas Department of State Health Services for the most updated information on the COVID-19 Virus. As of earlier today, there were no reports of a positive case of the COVID-19 virus in our area. However, we feel it is in the best interest of our students, staff, and our community that we take this time to put together a plan of action in case the situation changes in the future. The issue of the COVID-19 is a very fluid situation in which the circumstances often change.

We encourage all Ballinger ISD stakeholders to take the following precautions set forth by the Texas Department of State Health Services to limit the spread of any type of virus related illness.

- Wash hands often for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
- If no soap and water are available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs, and other places touched often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

We realize that these decisions have huge impacts on our students and their families. We do not take these decisions lightly. We appreciate your patience as we sort through this unusual situation. We will continue to work with our students and their families in dealing with the issues that may come up over the next few weeks or maybe even months. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at jeff.butts@ballingerisd.net.

Sincerely,

Jeff Butts
Superintendent
Ballinger ISD