

## **LUMBERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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When we all started watching the news about a virus spreading across the globe creating a pandemic, I am sure many did not consider the impact this would have upon the school system in Texas. I'm proud to say our staff has worked hard preparing to extend some form of instruction through our Flexible Education Program moving from possible scenario's to reality.

I have seen our staff come together quickly facing this concern in a matter of days. Over this time, we have worked to put together a hybrid education plan consisting of online resources, paper documents, and support opportunities. I can already see our staff missing face-to-face interaction with our students and having the opportunity to teach them in their classrooms, driving them on the buses, and feeding them in the lunchrooms.

On Monday, March 23, 2020, parents will be able to pick up packets of instructional materials at each campus. The pick-up lines will be from 7:00 to 8:00 am and from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. There is no need to exit the vehicle. Additionally, there will be an abundance of information provided to your child through an online environment. On our district website under Quicklinks, you will find LISD Extended Learning Resources. Here you will find a video about student accounts as well as a form to complete if your child is having issues with their student account. Please check your child's campus Facebook or class Remind for distribution instructions. Over the next few weeks, I am sure our teachers will continue developing creative plans to help our students academically and parents cope through this crisis.

Your child's teachers are still around to assist and serve the students during this unprecedented time. Please know you may still email your teacher or communicate with them through Remind. Over the next few weeks, other methods of communication may be available. Please feel free to email your campus principal and/or your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Additionally, Lumberton ISD will be offering meal services for all LISD students starting Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Early Childhood Campus. Meals will be offered between 10:00 am and noon. The meal service will consist of a Grab-n-Go Lunch that will also include breakfast items for the next morning. Students must be present to receive meals. I would like to thank our food service staff for the opportunity to offer this service.

There is a lot of uncertainty ahead detailing the duration for our school closure. Please be mindful of all the memorable events our students are missing throughout this crisis, especially our seniors missing special events during their final year. However, this is a testament to life and growing up to face unexpected situations. Please remember, to keep your distance over the next few weeks and avoid mingling in groups. We are all human and many of us are unfamiliar with being isolated. We enjoy the relationships we build with our friends.

Please keep yourselves safe, and don't forget to "WASH YOUR HANDS!"

Respectfully,  
Dr. Gerald Chandler  
Superintendent