

March 12, 2020

Tomball ISD Family,

As your Superintendent of Schools, I feel it is in the best interest of our students and staff of Tomball ISD and out of abundance of caution, to delay the return from Spring Break until Monday, March 23, 2020.

After discussing options and receiving advice from health authorities, this decision has been made in conjunction with neighboring districts and community officials.

While we have canceled school next week (March 16-20), COVID-19 remains a fluid situation so we will take this one week at a time and make decisions accordingly.

By delaying school another week, we are also canceling all extracurricular activities, including sports until further notice. Again, these decisions are made to increase social distancing in our community at this time.

Please know the decision to close the district was extremely difficult. We know that closing our schools will impact our most vulnerable families and we recognize that working families depend on the consistency and predictability of supports and services our schools offer. To support our students and families during this time, we are looking into the details of being able to continue meal service to students with a possible "grab and go" meal option. Once we have more information, we will let you know.

We are working with partners and the city to determine how to best mitigate the impact closing schools will have on working families. We also recognize there are still a lot of unknowns about this disease. While children appear to be more protected from extreme symptoms, adults, including our educators and employees, need support and protection as well.

It is in times like these that our Tomball community values become visible. We will get through this, but it will take all of us being proactive to ensure a healthy environment.

I will continue to stay in contact with local and state officials as well as community partners during this time and keep you updated as new information is released.

Again, at this time, we will plan on our ***students and staff returning to school on Monday, March 23.***



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Superintendent of Schools