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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the necessary changes that are occurring because of our Nation's response to COVID-19. We have never experienced this in our lifetime. One has to go back to the Spanish Flu outbreak of 1918 to understand what can happen if a virus is allowed to spread unabated. Our national and state leaders first proposed no group settings of over 500 people, then 250 people, then 50 people. Yesterday, President Trump lowered that to groups of 10!

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending for as many people as possible to self-quarantine. In a presentation that I watched yesterday, a CDC doctor was warning that unless we can slow the transmission of this virus our health care system would be overwhelmed. Both of our campuses have over 600 people on them. In an effort to help slow the transmission of the virus, schools are extending Spring Breaks. How long remains up in the air. The recommendations from national, state, and local health agencies is changing daily. At this time, I have made the decision to extend our Spring Break for one week.

Governor Abbott announced Sunday night that the STAAR exam will not be administered this spring. The UIL has announced that all extracurricular events are postponed until March 30. The Texas Education Agency is reacting by providing guidance concerning student attendance, school funding, the delivery of instruction outside the classroom environment, and will be providing guidance concerning course credit and graduation requirements concerning the passing of End of Course STAAR exams. TEA is also recommending that we let parents know that schools could be closed for weeks, not days! The administrative staff at Callisburg ISD is meeting this week to try to make sense of all of this and begin planning for the worse case scenario.

While your children are out next week, we will be working with teachers and food service to develop plans moving forward. We will make you aware of these plans as soon as we can using our website, our phone call-out system, and Facebook. I will be making a decision on Wednesday, March 25, concerning possible future closings. Until that time, I encourage you to develop plans for your children in the event that we are out of school for an extended period.

I want you to know that any decision made has the best interest of your children in mind. This event is unfolding before our very eyes. New information is coming at us daily. We will need your support to get through this!

All of you are in my daily prayers.

For the Children,

Donald L. Metzler