



*Raymondville ISD, it all starts here.*

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, the recent news of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has brought many changes to our daily lives and has created many obstacles in the interest of public safety. Over the last five days, Raymondville ISD Administration has participated in conferences with TEA, Willacy County Officials and regional superintendents regarding the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

After careful review of the COVID-19 situation and in considering the safety of our children, we have decided it is in the best interest to close our schools for students from March 23 – 27, 2020. This will allow our staff time to prepare for online and paper-based instruction for students. During this time, we will provide students with breakfast and lunch (schedule/locations to be posted). As this situation progresses, we will continue to monitor and make decisions regarding whether classes will resume on March 30<sup>th</sup>. All information and updates will be shared via our website, automated call system and social media postings.

Furthermore, it is important for all parents and students to be aware that TEA has cancelled all STAAR tests for the 2020 Spring Administration. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will not be required to pass math and reading for promotion. Finally, we are anticipating details regarding the changes in graduation requirements based on the changes to STAAR testing.

Rest assured, the RISD staff is working diligently to provide updated information to you as soon as possible. We will follow up with you next week regarding student attendance and services to be provided.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your campus principal. We look forward to working with you to ensure the 2019-2020 school year ends as successfully as it began.

Sincerely,

Stetson Roane  
Superintendent of Schools