

Stratford Independent School District

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As we continue to adjust to our new normal, which includes distance learning and social distancing, I want you to know we will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the health and well-being of all of our students and staff. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our community, city, and state. This week, based on the recent recommendations from our Governor and following the local health officials as well as our city and state leaders, as well as working with our other area school districts, Stratford ISD will extend its closure to May 1, 2020. This does not mean the school year has ended; students are just learning in a different capacity given the current health environment.

One of our main goals is to provide an exceptional learning experience for all of our students, which has had to be adjusted during this very fluid situation. As of today, a large number of our students now have instructional packets, many have received technology, and communication with our teachers continues.

Although there has been an extension to our district closure, there are essential services for our students that will continue including meal distribution for our students. The distribution plan for will be the following: Monday-Friday from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm behind Stratford High School.

On the topic of school district business, while our district may be closed in the near future, there are still fiscal responsibilities that continue, which must continue to operate such as payroll and food service, so we can continue to serve our SISD students, personnel and community. Only staff contacted by their supervisor need to report to work during this time. We do want to remind employees, that while we may not all be in the district, all employees are expected to be on call and available during business hours.

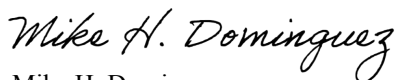
The current COVID-19 health pandemic we are facing is unprecedented and continues to change quickly. We ask that you remain patient as SISD commits to making decisions that are in everyone's best interest.

Stratford ISD, this is uncharted territory for all of us and continue to adapt to our current living conditions as best possible. We will continue to serve and support our students, our vulnerable populations, and our community.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates via our district website: www.stratfordisd.net and our social platforms.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to be your superintendent. Thank you for your continued trust and support of the Stratford Independent School District.

Sincerely,



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