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Dear Sinton ISD Families:

Given the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19; in conjunction with Region 2 ESC and the majority of districts in Region 2, Sinton ISD will extend the emergency closure until after Easter break. Tentatively, staff will report back Tuesday, April 14th with students reporting back on Wednesday, April 15th in an effort to support our nation's need to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

We will continue to provide curbside meals at Sinton Elementary on scheduled school days and will be providing both high and low tech options of remote instruction. Our health officials report that cases are continuing to spread in the state, and confirmed cases in our county seem likely. As of today, 941 districts in the state have closed with at least one district closed in every county of the state. Suspending operations for this length of time will allow us to determine, in coordination with local health officials, whether the virus has been contained. We are coordinating with other school districts in the region and will continually evaluate the situation.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has outlined the need for all communities to implement a social distancing protocol. We want to reiterate a request to our broader community to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

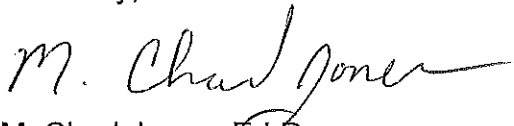
- Don't shake hands
- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places and maintaining 3 to 6 feet of distance between people (at least an arm's length)
- If you are moving around in the community, don't congregate in large groups
- For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country – we ask that you self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms. Students who have traveled should plan to stay home for two weeks after arriving home. Please contact your campus to let them know, and this will be considered an excused absence.
- If you suspect you have symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice.
- Keep your child at home if he/she feels ill, even if you think it is just a cold.

- If you or your children are ill, do not leave the house except to access medical care

This is a quickly changing situation. We will continue to monitor information, will assess conditions daily and I will update everyone periodically via our website, email or all call system.

I want nothing more than to get things back to normal and to enjoy an amazing time of year in public schools; however, we are dealing with an unprecedented situation, that **we will all get through**, but it will continue to take working together and sacrifices by everyone. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of the community in Sinton ISD stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Chad Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

M. Chad Jones, Ed.D.
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