

**Groom Independent School District**

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**April 17, 2020**

District Patrons,

As of this afternoon, Governor Abbott extended his Executive Order closing schools to face-to-face instruction and gyms (work-out facilities) through the end of the current school year (**May 24, 2020**). This order supersedes all existing closure information and is not subject to change or alteration by the district.

Therefore, as of today, **Groom ISD will be officially closed to student face-to-face instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.** Weight room and swimming facilities will also be closed.

**Remote, on-line instruction will continue through the remainder of this school year.** Parents, please emphasize to your children that their teachers are available to assist with online or packet instructional exercises. We are also prepared to offer assistance to parents as well. **Also, be aware that completion of the work assigned online or by packet is not optional and will be a requirement for successfully completing current courses and grade advancement.**

**If I can provide assistance to you or your child during this time, please do not hesitate to contact me at 806-248-7557 (school) or (806) 346-1985 cell or simply shoot me an e-mail at [jay.lamb@region16.net](mailto:jay.lamb@region16.net) or [jay.lamb@groomisd.net](mailto:jay.lamb@groomisd.net).**

**Note to the Senior Students:** Rest assured that more information will be forthcoming soon concerning Graduation Activities. Please continue to complete assignments and maintain your grades to ensure that you do not endanger your ability to graduate.

Again, I apologize for this interruption in your child's (children's) school year; but, I assure you that together we can make it through to the end. Please keep in mind that these measures are not taken lightly or without purpose. This virus (COVID-19) poses a real and significant threat to members of our community; so, please follow the advice of the CDC, Texas Department of Health, and our State Officials concerning travel, social distancing, and public gatherings. Let's keep everyone as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

*Jay S. Lamb*, Superintendent  
Groom ISD