



## Highland Park ISD Committed to Excellence

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To the Highland Park ISD Community,

I would like to update you regarding Highland Park ISD's response to the ever growing concerns related to the spread of COVID-19. The school is trying not to create panic, but to make the best decisions and take the appropriate precautions for our staff and students. The situation is rapidly evolving, but we are actively monitoring developments related to COVID-19 and following the guidance of the CDC, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Amarillo Public Health office.

We have set up a page on our District website at [https://www.hpsd.net/264176\\_2](https://www.hpsd.net/264176_2) to provide information, links and resources for our HPISD community. **Please check this web page for updates relating to COVID-19 and District planning.** In the meantime, as we move into spring break, I want to address a few areas in particular:

### **CLEANING PROCEDURES**

The school has enhanced our standard procedures for cleaning and disinfecting schools. In addition to routine cleaning, our custodians are regularly disinfecting tables, chairs, desks, cabinets, door handles, restrooms, sinks, water fountains, and other frequently touched areas, as suggested by local and state health officials and TEA. Our custodial department recently secured new electrostatic sprayers that will assist in cleaning large areas quickly and effectively.

### **ABSENCES**

The most important thing we can communicate to employees, parents and students to help prevent the spread of illness is to stay home and seek medical attention if you are sick. HPISD will support the decisions that parents make regarding the health and wellness of their children and families. We want parents to know the campuses will work with student absences related to precautions taken around COVID-19. However, we cannot waive the state compulsory attendance laws. Students who fall below the compulsory attendance of 90% will work closely with campus administration and attendance review committees.

Best wishes for a safe, relaxing spring break and stay well!

Jimmy Hannon  
Superintendent