



Highland Park ISD
Committed to Excellence

15300 Amarillo Blvd East * Amarillo, TX 79108 * (806) 335-2823

October 5, 2020

To the Parents and Guardians of HPISD Students,

The administration has been reviewing student performance and attendance data from the first five weeks of school and we believe is in the best interest of all Highland Park ISD students to return to in-person, on campus instruction. The data revealed that virtual online instruction has not been successful for many of our students and the added burden placed on our teachers is unsustainable. Beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Highland Park ISD will return to in-person, on campus instruction for all students.

A grace period, ending October 13, 2020 has been established to allow parents of students affected by this decision time to evaluate educational options and determine which is best for them.

It is the district's belief that in-person instruction is and remains the best method for a child's learning and social-emotional growth. We look forward to welcoming all our Highland Park Hornets back to the classroom. Students and staff will still be expected to follow the COVID-19 safety guidelines established in the return to school plan. However, should you choose to pursue alternative means of education for your child, we wish everyone the most success. A partial list of available educational possibilities includes:

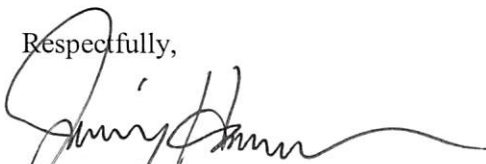
- Come to school for in-person learning
- Withdrawal to homeschool
- Utilize the Texas Virtual Academy or other online school

As we face testing, quarantine and confirmed cases of COVID-19 Highland Park ISD will continue to place those who are affected in remote synchronous or asynchronous instruction for the required period of time. During these times, students and parents will be assisted to ensure appropriate educational resources are provided for the continued academic success for every child during this pandemic.

Campus administrators will be contacting all of our virtual learners in the next few days to discuss steps needed to return your child back Highland Park ISD campuses on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

The Highland Park ISD and Board of Trustees are committed to the success of our students and staff and look forward to the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Respectfully,



Jimmy Hannon
Superintendent