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Superintendent of Schools

## COVID 19 Update 4.17.20

Governor Abbott just announced today that all school districts will be closed for the remainder of the year. We will be working with the Texas Education Agency on all the requirements to finish out the year under this new order. We will keep you updated as we get guidance from TEA, and we will address the operation of our school district over the remainder of the school year.

We have been planning for the possibility of the school closure for the remainder of the year from the very beginning. Today, we rolled out our grading policy and how this will affect each student earning credits in high school and grade promotion in lower grade levels. Principals have put up videos that explain our policy very well, and it is also posted on our website in each of the grade level learning plan tabs for your review. Our goal and intent for the remainder of the school year is to be as flexible as we can, but also, be able to show learning and mastery. This is a requirement from the Texas Education Agency.

We want to make you aware of our backup plan for any interruption of our hot meal lunch grab and go program for all students. We are still dealing with a very real health crisis with disease that is invisible and can affect so many of us so quickly. In case we need to shut down our food line for any reason, whether temporary or long term, we will direct all students to Taylor ISD Main Street campus for students' meal service. We are very appreciative of Taylor ISD offering the backup and continuing a food service program for our students. We certainly hope that we will not be having to go to the backup program, but we wanted to make you aware that we do have a plan in place in case we have to make that decision.

Please know that your school district is doing everything we can to help you through every stage of this crisis with the education of your children, our food service program, our technology program, as well as, our counseling program. We are here to serve you. We are Granger Strong, and we will overcome this unprecedented health crisis together. We do strongly encourage you to continue to follow CDC guidance, along with the State and County guidance of stay home and stay healthy.

Respectfully,

*Randy Willis*

Superintendent