



## FLATONIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello, Bulldog family! I hope you are all well and safe. The Flatonia ISD administration, faculty, and staff continue to strengthen our remote learning opportunities and systems during the COVID-19 closure. I appreciate all of the hard work going on behind the scenes to help feed students, connect with families, and address academic needs of our students. To witness the dedication and heart of our FISD faculty and staff in action has been truly inspiring. Parents, I also want to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we tackle the many challenges presented during our current situation. I am extremely proud of the dedication and support that you have shown to our school district as we work together to support our children. We are truly blessed to be a part of a truly amazing community.

I want to update everyone regarding our current priorities and areas of focus. In no specific order:

- **At Home Work Packet development.** As we shared in our last update, activities available will include both paper and pencil opportunities and some technology-based opportunities. We again stress that you do not worry if you do not have internet access at home, you can still complete our paper based At Home Work Packets. New packets will be available on April 14 (10AM-1PM, 3PM-6PM). Please contact your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions regarding the work sent home.
- **At Home Work Packet 1 Return – April 14.** The next packet pick up will be on April 14. This is also the day that At Home Work Packet 1 will be due. You can return Packet 1 at any time via the return receptacles located on the campuses or return curbside on April 14. Please return the work in the original envelope. If the original envelope is not available, please return work in another sealed envelope with the student's name and grade clearly marked. Be sure that each student's name is on their papers.
- **Developing grade reporting system.** Administration continues to work on grading and grade reporting expectations for the time that we are closed due to COVID-19. Other than safety, this is the top priority for campus and district leadership. We are reviewing various scenarios and their impact on students. We want to make sure that we propose a system that can be administered fairly and consistently in response to the many variables this challenge has presented.
- **Review of spring events.** As you are aware, the spring is usually full of school events. We are reviewing these events and developing alternate plans for those that are feasible. The 2020 graduation ceremony is a big question on the minds of our senior students and their families. As of this update, we have not canceled our graduation ceremony. We are, however, discussing alternate plans in the event we are unable to hold graduation on our currently scheduled date due to the COVID-19 closure. It is simply too early to make any final determination.
- **Gather and assess available technology for students use.** School personnel have been busy evaluating student need and technology availability. We have established a WiFi connection (BulldogsConnect) that can be accessed from your vehicle at the secondary campus parking lot. There is no password. The network is available to all students Monday through Friday, from 3PM – 10 PM and Saturday through Sunday, 8AM-10PM. We will have the network open throughout the four-day Easter break from 8AM-10PM.
- **Regular contact with students and families by phone, text, and videoconference.** You should be receiving regular phone, text, or videoconference calls from faculty and staff to check in with you and the students. If you have not had contact with your child's teacher, please contact your campus principal via the Emergency Phone Line or email [familyinfo@flatonia.txed.net](mailto:familyinfo@flatonia.txed.net) so that we can get you connected.

Again, we truly appreciate your patience as we work through this complex challenge. We know that you may have additional questions. Please know that we are working extremely hard to get these answered as quickly as possible. We encourage everyone to remain in direct contact with your child's teacher and/or principal for immediate academic needs and questions. Should you have general questions during this time, you may also contact us through email at [familyinfo@flatonia.txed.net](mailto:familyinfo@flatonia.txed.net). Please keep yourself and your family safe. We encourage everyone to continue to follow state and local recommendations for health and safety during this time.

Thank you again for your continued support. We miss the kids and look forward to when we can see them again on campus.

With Bulldog PRIDE,

Andy Reddock, Ed.D.