



## FLATONIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Bulldog Family,

Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order today (April 17, 2020) that closes all Texas schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, as it "would be unsafe to allow students to gather." Flatonia ISD, along with all other districts in the state, will comply with this executive order and continue our remote learning that is currently in place for the remainder of the school year. Although our buildings remain closed, students will continue to receive instruction and assignments through our established At Home Learning systems.

In addition to the closure order, Governor Abbott said to expect more information from the Commissioner of Education Mike Morath about conducting graduation ceremonies. It is anticipated that this information would come next week. This closure through the end of the school year is not how our seniors envisioned their last year of high school, and we are especially heartbroken for them. The district wants to provide our seniors with the experience of walking across the stage and receiving their diploma. We have not yet postponed our graduation ceremonies currently scheduled for May 21; however, we are looking at alternative dates, as well as, alternative methods to provide a meaningful experience within the constraints we currently face. The Secondary Administrative Team and I will be working vigorously on plans to recognize the achievements of all our students, and particularly our seniors. We will communicate this information as decisions are finalized.

Please know how proud I am of each and every one of our students and teachers for how they have handled our transition to remote learning. I am also extremely proud of our FISD parents for their continued support and commitment to not only their own families, but to the entire school district. Whether you are using online resources or our paper packets, our Bulldog Family has not let learning stop through all this change. We are all in this together and we will continue to passionately serve in the best interest of our Flatonia ISD students.

More information will be made available in the coming days and weeks. Parents, guardians, staff and community members are encouraged to visit [www.flatoniaisd.net](http://www.flatoniaisd.net), the Flatonia ISD Facebook page, and the Flatonia ISD Twitter feed @FlatoniaISD for updates and additional information.

Sincerely,

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Flatonia ISD