



# Central Heights Independent School District

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Dear Central Heights ISD Family

As the 20-21 school year began, almost all Texas public schools were offering some sort of remote or virtual learning option as a method of instruction for those families who had concerns with COVID-19. Currently, remote learners make up less than .035 % of the current Central Heights ISD overall enrollment. A review of the failure rates and levels of engagement, have proved this to be unsuccessful for many of our remote learners. After meeting with the Central Heights ISD board of trustees and our administrators, we have decided to make revisions to the remote learning model provided by the district.

CHISD has decided to suspend the remote learning option for students after December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All students will be expected to be in attendance on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2021. The only exception will be students who are told to quarantine by the Department of State Health Services, CHISD Nurses or families that provide proper medical documentation of a pre-existing condition for that individual student. Medical documentation must be submitted to the campus principal by 12:00 noon on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please understand that this decision did not come without much thought and deliberation, and administration will continue to monitor the situation. At this time, we truly feel like this is the best decision for the students and staff of Central Heights ISD.

Central Heights ISD takes great pride in the quality education that is provided with our traditional on-campus model. However, we do understand that may not be what is deemed the best decision for each stakeholder, and we cannot mandate that each student return to on campus instruction. We ask that you make a decision that provides your student with the instructional method that is most suitable for the compulsory education laws which include:

- Return to CHISD for in person instruction on or before January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Withdraw to homeschool instruction.
- Enroll your student in an online school.
- Request a transfer to a district that offers remote learning.

Thank you for your patience and support throughout a situation that provides no easy solutions. The Central Heights ISD faculty and staff are committed to providing the safest possible environment for the students of CHISD and will continue to evaluate protocols during this time. Please feel free to reach out to our administrative team if we can be of help in any way.

  
David Russell

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