

August 14, 2020

Dear WISD parents and guardians,

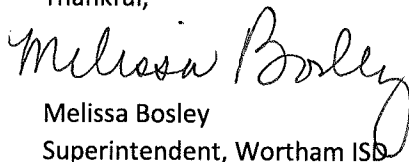
First, let me say thank you for the words of support you have offered to me and the staff of WISD as we work through a difficult and new situation. Based on the preliminary guidance from the Texas Department of State Health Services late in the day on Thursday, we made a very conservative decision to advise staff and parents of students who may have been in contact with a staff member who received a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 test result to self-isolate. As a result, we also needed to alter the instructional plan for Wortham Middle School to remote learning. Please understand, we made these decisions quickly to first and foremost take care of our students and staff and to preserve the health of our school community.

As a result, we were able to continue our investigation with guidance from officials from State Health Services, and after careful review, we have determined that the staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 did not come into close contact with any WISD students. In addition, Wortham Middle School students will resume face-to-face instruction on Monday, August 17, 2020. During this time of virtual learning, our maintenance staff was able to thoroughly disinfect all areas in the district that may have been impacted by the positive COVID-19 case.

As I said yesterday, we do not believe that those who were not in close contact with the staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 have a reason to be concerned, but we do recommend that you watch for symptoms of COVID-19, and if anyone within our WISD community does begin experiencing symptoms in a way that is not typical, we encourage you to contact your physician and to notify your campus principal.

Again, thank you for your encouragement. We could not be happier to see our students back in the hallways, and on Monday, we will welcome our middle school students back as well. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 254-765-3095.

Thankful,


Melissa Bosley
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