

## **Letter from the Superintendent:**

I want to update the community on the plan for reopening the school on August 13th, but first I want to thank you for partnering with us last year. No one expected to end during a pandemic, but in true Wildcat fashion, we all adapted and worked together to help students learn.

As we learned last spring, our “best laid plans” are subject to a rapidly changing world. With that thought in mind, Scurry-Rosser ISD is working on a plan to offer two options for learning when school starts on Thursday, August 13th. Face to Face Learning at school and Virtual Learning from home. We received initial guidance for modifying instruction seven days ago from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Although we continue to receive updates almost daily, we are working on a plan and will be ready when school starts.

Based on our parent survey, most of our families are planning to send their children to the school. We believe that Face to Face Learning at school is best and are adding safety protocols to keep our facilities clean and safe. We understand that some will choose Virtual Learning from home, but it will require more independent student learning and parental support. Some students experienced difficulty with remote learning. We will not ask our parents to decide on a learning plan until August. You should expect communication from your child’s school on how to sign-up later this month.

At this time, we do not plan to make any major adjustments to the previously approved 2020-2021 school calendar. We are adjusting our bell schedule to begin the day at 7:50 am and end at 3:35 pm. If circumstances force us to close and we cannot provide instruction at any point during the school year, the additional minutes gained, may help us avoid going to school in June.

While there is still much to be decided, I can assure you our team is working diligently for our students and the community. We were pleased to learn that a large percentage of our teachers are ready to come back to school and look forward to the challenge as we adapt to the “new normal” in public education. Thank you in

advance for your continued patience and support. We will get through this together.

On behalf of the school district I want to extend my sincerest gratitude for working with us during this unprecedented time.

**Sincerely,**

**James D. Sanders**