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School Closure and Student Learning

Dear SRISD families and staff,

As previously reported, Scurry-Rosser ISD is closed to students through April 3rd. Additionally, all student activities and use of facilities are suspended. We do not make this decision lightly, and we understand the significant challenges for working parents. However, we are hopeful that these measures will safeguard the health and safety of children, staff, and the community. While students are out of school, we encourage you to practice social distancing and stay close to home.

District administrators have been meeting remotely to strategize and plan for the immediate future. Campus and department leaders are contacting employees directly for guidance on expectations as they return to 'work' next week. Those required to be onsite will practice social distancing and other health-related preventive measures. Our facilities are being cleaned and sanitized regularly. Campuses will be preparing their instructional plans and should have them available for school families no later than Monday, March 30th. Work for most instructional staff will mean being available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week to assist students' learning, either by online instruction or provided packets. Beginning Tuesday, classroom teachers and other staff will be contacting family members to discuss the alternative learning process for students.

The district is working on a plan for the distribution of food to assist qualifying student's nutritional needs while school is out. More information and guidance will be made available next week.

We are aware of how devastating the current closure could be for our senior class and are assessing the feasibility for future activities. Please know we are reviewing guidance for graduation requirements and much more. At this time, we believe all qualifying students will graduate on time as planned.

Many of you may have questions and concerns about the current crisis. One resource I have found valuable to the school district is located on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance> From this sight you can find links to many other organizations associated with COVID 19. New items appear on the TEA site daily.

This is a quickly changing situation. We are monitoring and will assess conditions and provide periodic updates via our website and social media. Please reach out to us with any comments, questions, or concerns by email or phone.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of the community remain safe and healthy.

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