



# MAYPEARL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Maypearl ISD Families:

The district has reviewed information provided by the Texas Education Agency, the Ellis County Emergency Management Department, the Region 10 Educational Service Center, and information provided by the Center for Disease Control. On Friday, March 13, 2020 the Maypearl ISD Board of Trustees approved to begin classes for all students on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and to develop a contingency plan to provide instructional support as needed in compliance with the Texas Education Agency's attestation statement.

All Maypearl ISD (MISD) staff will report to work as regularly scheduled on Monday, March 16, 2020. On Monday and Tuesday, administration and staff will work collaboratively to address the contingency plan requirements. This planning includes:

- ★ Surveying households on prior travel & possible exposure AND access to in-home technologies & Internet services
- ★ Gathering any additional information necessary to implement the plan or future plans

Parents/Guardians will have the choice to send their student to school as normal OR contact the campus office to notify the school they wish to keep their student at home due to concerns over the COVID-19 virus. If a parent/guardian chooses to keep their student at home, those parents/guardians will be responsible for picking up and delivering schoolwork on assigned dates which will be communicated on/or before Wednesday, March 18th.

In an abundance of caution, UIL has postponed all events through March 29<sup>th</sup>. MISD will continue to have normal athletic practices resume on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The district has also postponed previously planned large public events until after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Visitors/volunteers will no longer be allowed during lunch times at any MISD campus until further notice.

At this time, there is no confirmed case of COVID-19 in Ellis County. We will continue to monitor and assess the situation to determine if any additional changes will be necessary. In an effort to stay informed and receive the latest information, please continue to check your email, the district website or MISD social media daily. I will be participating in daily conference-call meetings with the Texas Education Agency and bi-weekly conference-call meetings with the Ellis County Emergency Management Department. We will work diligently to provide you accurate and factual information.

Please continue to practice any and all illness prevention methods as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

- ★ Cover your mouth inside your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- ★ Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- ★ Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ★ Clean and disinfect all Surface areas daily.
- ★ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Keeping our students and staff safe is our top priority. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together in moving forward.

Thank you,

Ritchie Bowling, M.Ed.  
Superintendent