



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Jeanette Ball, Ph.D.

March 13, 2020

Dear Judson ISD Family,

I want to extend my thanks to our community for the concern and care that you have shown during the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding COVID-19. As a district, Judson ISD remains committed to providing an outstanding education in a safe and secure learning environment. Please know that the students are always at the heart of our decisions and we are managing this situation with them and our entire community in mind. As circumstances continue to evolve, we will stay in touch with you to provide timely and concise information based on the most current guidelines from our local, state and federal health authorities.

Due to the March 11, 2020, announcement by the World Health Organization that the outbreak of the new coronavirus has been declared a pandemic, the updated announcement by the Center for Disease Control, (CDC), and information from state and federal health professionals, the following action is being taken in an attempt to minimize health and safety risks to the Judson ISD community.

As a precaution, we are extending spring break by one week. Schools will remain closed Monday, March 16, 2020, through Friday, March 20, 2020, as we assess the situation in our community as travelers return from spring break. The district will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation prior to reopening school on Monday, March 23, 2020, and will communicate across all channels as updated information becomes available. During this extended spring break, district offices will be closed and all district events and competitions that have been scheduled within the district during this timeframe will be considered canceled until further notice. District travel for student competitions and events outside the district will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

We are taking these steps out of an abundance of caution. Public health offices have not yet made this a requirement for public institutions. Nevertheless, given all that we know and what we can anticipate based on information from local, state and national agencies, we believe this is the most prudent course of action.

The health and safety of your child is of the utmost importance so take care of yourself and your child and those around you. Please continue to adhere to the preventative measures as recommended by public health officials, such as limit interaction and practicing social distancing.

Thank you for your support and patience as we work in partnership together to deliver a safe environment for all involved.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Ball, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools