

Superintendent's Message

March 17, 2020



Dear Boerne ISD Family,

It has been a very difficult decision to close our schools because I know there is a significant impact on each of our BISD families. I am committed to keeping you informed in the best way possible during this time, as I am also committed to making sure our schools are clean and safe for students and staff when we are back in session. Of utmost importance is the decision to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on *social distancing* to lessen the spread of COVID 19. This closure is done out of an abundance of caution. Below is important information, as we move forward.

School Closure

All campuses and departments will be **closed on March 16-20**. Only essential personnel will meet to prepare for the needs of staff and students during the closure. I respectfully, ask other staff, students and parents not to enter or come to our facilities during this time. All scheduled field trips and UIL events have also been canceled. Should our closure extend beyond this week, I will notify you by **Friday, March 20**.

For more information about the guidance given by TEA on closures and instruction you may access it through their web page designated for COVID 19. <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Distance/Remote Learning

Prior to the granting of attendance waivers by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) the district is required to make available to our students “continuity of learning” through distance/remote learning opportunities. This is the first time the state has required school districts to continue instruction during closure events. We, like many other school districts, are working around the clock



to provide students distant or remote learning. Information will be made available to you and your students about materials, resources, and mandatory student participation on **Wed. March 18**. Information will be made available on our website at <https://www.boerneisd.net/covid19>

Meal Service

Yesterday we served 360 meals through our drive through locations at Curington ES and Boerne



Mixetto/Getty

MS South. We will continue to provide meals at these locations throughout the closure. **Breakfast 7-8 AM & Lunch 11 AM-12 PM**. If you know of anyone who may want to volunteer to serve, you may sign up by visiting our website at <https://www.boerneisd.net/mealservice>

Cleanliness & Safety

Here is some information about the steps we are taking to make sure our facilities are cleaned and ready for the return of staff and students.

Buildings

- Deep cleaning of all campuses to include surface cleaning of all high touch areas, like desks, water fountains, chairs and tables
- Electrostatic sanitizers used in every room providing a microbial barrier to all exposed items in a room
- Restock of soap, hand towels, and toilet paper

Playgrounds

- Contracted cleaning service to clean and sanitize all playground equipment

Busses

- Deep clean of busses
- Daily sanitizing of busses while school is in session

As we navigate this unprecedented situation, I ask for your patience as our administrative team continues to work through all of the decisions and concerns that must be addressed. We are mindful that our responses and actions must be made to provide the very best for our students, staff, and community. Your ongoing support and understanding are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Price, Jr.

Superintendent of School
Boerne ISD