



PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School Buildings to Remain Closed For the Remainder of 2019-2020 Remote Learning to Continue Through End of School Year

Friday, April 17, 2020

Dear Ponder Lion Family,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. The impact of this challenging time on families and educators alike has been profound, however, we are extremely proud of the way everyone has pulled together for our students. In Governor Abbott's press conference today at noon, he announced that all school buildings in Texas would remain closed through the end of the school year for in-person instruction. We will continue our "distance learning" methods through May 21, 2020.

We will continue to provide lessons either through our online platforms, or through paper packet mail outs for the remainder of our academic year. Our drive up meal program will continue as planned. If you see that your child is struggling academically or emotionally in this challenging time, please contact one of their teachers. Our team is ready and willing to support your children. Additionally, we are working on a plan for you to retrieve any items that your children may have left at school prior to Spring Break. When the plan is formulated, we will announce that process.

The Governor promised that in the weeks to come, we will receive guidance from TEA regarding high school graduation. We fully intend to honor our seniors and all of their hard work throughout the years. Creating a lasting family memory for our beloved seniors is our goal.

We are Proud Americans, Texans and Ponder Lions! TOGETHER we will persevere this pandemic and come out on the other side stronger and more united. It is the Expectation of Excellence in all that we do that sets us apart.

Stay safe and please contact your children's teacher, our campus administrators, or myself if we can be of any assistance to you and your family.

Ponder Strong & Ponder Proud!

Bruce Yeager
Superintendent
Ponder ISD