



PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear Ponder ISD families,

I hope this message finds you well. As you are aware, the district has closed this week (March 16-20, 2020). I wanted to give you some information as we proceed this week.

I am participating in a daily conference call with the Commissioner of Education in order to receive state level updates and guidance.

The Superintendents in Denton County have scheduled a conference call for Wednesday afternoon. This group will share information and collaborate between districts on planning as we move forward.

If the district remains closed March 23-27, 2020 we plan to deliver instruction remotely. Our teachers will be collaborating later this week to create plans to implement instruction next week, if necessary. We will communicate the general plan with you by Friday, March 20, 2020 via the PISD website and our notification system. The specific instructional plans will be e-mailed by principals and/or teachers by early next week.

Ponder ISD will notify parents as soon as decisions are made regarding future closure or schedule adaptations. This will not occur before the conference call on Wednesday, March 18th. Please know we will notify you as soon as possible, but information is very fluid and we want to make the most informed decision possible. We plan to communicate decisions on future schedules no later than Friday the 20th.

At this time Ponder ISD is developing a plan to provide free student meals locally if the current school closure extends further into the future. However, beginning Tuesday, March 17th Denton ISD will begin serving meals at select campuses. Students from our district are invited to receive a meal at one of their locations free of charge and with no ID required. For a list of campuses serving meals visit <https://www.dentonisd.org/meals>.

Ponder ISD has established a web page (<https://www.ponderisd.net/covid19>) to provide information regarding our policies/procedures dealing with the COVID-19. This webpage has information related to our closing this week and how we plan to move forward. The information is subject to change based on new information as this emergency progresses. There is a Q&A section that will allow you to glean additional information as well as submit questions for consideration.

I want to thank each of you for your understanding and support as we all work together to take care of one another during this health emergency.

Sincerely,
Bruce Yeager
Superintendent
Ponder ISD