



## ***PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT***

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**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

**Time: 5:00 p.m.**

**From: Bruce Yeager**

### **Ponder ISD Closure Extended to Friday, April 3**

Ponder ISD, along with neighboring school districts, is extending the closure of all schools and facilities through Friday, April 3. **Currently, all Ponder ISD schools and facilities (including all athletic facilities) are closed.**

Ponder ISD administrators continue to closely monitor the ongoing health emergency created by the COVID-19 virus. Administrators have worked in concert with neighboring school districts and county officials to coordinate our response and decision in the best interest of the health of our students, staff, families, and communities. We hope that making this decision now will help you plan the next few weeks more effectively.

We know this is a challenging situation. Our staff is working diligently to prepare for online learning and other low tech delivery methods so students can continue with their education while the district is not meeting face to face.

Ponder ISD will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation prior to reopening school on Monday, April 6 and will communicate across all platforms as updates become available.

**All competitions, including school related and community based, that have been scheduled within the district between now and Sunday, April 5 are postponed.**

All buildings are closed to outside rentals during this time as well.

District staff should remain in communication with their supervisor and/or principal regarding their individual needs and workflow.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as this health emergency continues to evolve. Information is updated rapidly and we will continue to send out information as quickly as we can in the coming days.

It is important to remember that while schools are closed, education continues. Our teachers and staff will continue to reach out to students to make sure they feel safe, supported and engaged.