

BRENHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Cub Nation,

The outbreak of COVID-19 has placed our Cub Nation family and our community in an unprecedented moment in history. Each of us shares concerns about the health and safety of those we love and also the economic and psychological impacts that this virus has imposed. Throughout our 145-year history, Brenham ISD has risen to the occasion in numerous challenging situations to ensure our students receive the best possible education. This moment is no different than any other, and although our way of life may have temporarily changed, it has not diminished our commitment to "Excellence for All."

Today Governor Greg Abbott announced that he is extending the statewide suspension of normal school operations through the end of the school year. As a result, our summer school program will also be canceled. While we are heartbroken that our students will not return to our campuses in the 2019-2020 school year, we assure you we will continue working diligently to ensure your child's needs are met. Brenham ISD will continue to provide meal service and at-home learning through May 21, our regularly scheduled last day of school. Please visit our district website at www.brenhamisd.net for the latest updates.

I know you have questions about at-home learning, modified grading guidelines, special programs and senior celebrations like prom and graduation. Our school facilities may be closed, but I assure you our district and campus teams are hard at work to get you answers to these questions as quickly as possible. I have great pride in the many ways our school community has responded over the last few weeks and will continue to respond in the days and weeks ahead. Our most valuable commodity at Brenham ISD has always been its people.

Words cannot express how much we miss seeing our students walking the halls and participating in the many activities that typically take place this time of year. An important lesson this crisis has taught us is to appreciate all the moments that we so often take for granted. In this time of fear and uncertainty, there is one thing that I am certain of - I have never been prouder to be a Brenham Cub.

Sincerely,

Dr. Walter Jackson Superintendent