



April 20, 2016

After further assessment of our campuses, as well as input from the Harris County Flood Control District and emergency response teams in our area, I have made the difficult decision to **keep CFISD schools and facilities closed through Friday, April 22.**

As I shared in my April 19 message, hundreds of residents have been displaced by flood waters, and many of you are still not able to leave your homes or neighborhoods. The threat to homes grows each day as Cypress Creek and Addicks Reservoir levels rise from the stormwater runoff. Houston TranStar and county officials have shared with me that we are at “ground zero” of this weather event.

This has resulted in many of our roadways being unsafe for travel for both bus drivers and commuters alike. Please continue to exercise caution if travel is a necessity.

I have spoken with Texas Education Agency officials, and they have been very understanding of the magnitude of this disaster. The TEA is working closely with us to determine our options going forward.

Again, school closure is not a decision I take lightly, but it is currently the best option for all our students and staff as we support those who have lost everything and ensure all buildings are safe for school.

Please continue to monitor the district website and social media pages for official updates.

Sincerely,

Mark Henry, Ed.D.