



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



April 17, 2020

At noon today, Gov. Greg Abbott **extended the closure of all Texas schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; however, distance learning will continue.** While I am disappointed that we will not be able to close out the school year in ways that we usually do, we must follow the directives issued by the governor so that we can safely come back together sometime soon.

Here are some of our key priorities as we continue to navigate the challenges brought about by COVID-19:

- **Learning at Home program:** Although our classrooms are empty, we are committed to supporting student learning through the dedication of our campus staff and teachers as they connect with their students and provide additional instructional support. The CFISD *Learning at Home* program will continue to be enriched and enhanced each week.
- **Curbside Meals:** We will continue to provide Curbside Meals each weekday at 19 campuses. To date, CFISD has provided more than 400,000 meals to our students.
- **Class of 2020 seniors:** Like you, I am holding out hope that graduations will be held in May or on our alternative dates in July. Gov. Abbott indicated today that Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath would soon provide details about how school districts should proceed and how they could conduct graduation ceremonies. We will provide you with more information once available.
- **Grading, GPA and semester averages:** Now that it is certain we will not be returning to in-class instruction this school year, we will finalize plans regarding grade calculations and communicate this to you soon.
- **Student and staff items:** Campuses will be developing and communicating a plan with you on when you may return to campus to retrieve personal belongings safely.
- **UIL:** In response to the extended closure of Texas schools, the UIL has suspended all practices and contests (extracurricular academic, athletic and music) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Our departments and campuses will continue to take your calls between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as through email. On behalf of all of the staff in CFISD, we miss you and look forward to the time when we can safely be together again.

Sincerely,

Mark Henry, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools