



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Jeanette Ball, Ph.D.

April 17, 2020

Dear Judson ISD Students and Parents,

This letter is to inform you that all schools across Texas, including Judson ISD, will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Texas Governor Gregg Abbott, under the advice of a number of health and safety experts has now called for all schools in the state to remain closed for this school year. The process of “opening up Texas again,” will be a slow one and the governor is referring to it as happening in stages and those stages will take longer than the end of the semester. With that said, JISD is dedicated to providing a quality and engaging online home learning environment for our students as we finish out this year academically providing the resources to carry it out.

We know that many students, teachers, parents, and staff are very disappointed in this development, but public health is paramount and no one wants the public to go back too quickly only to have to close down again. While Judson ISD’s campuses and facilities will be closed the remainder of this school year, instruction will continue online as it has been conducted by our dedicated teachers and educational resources will also still be available and updated. JISD will also continue to provide meals Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the designated sites and mobile locations.

It is understood that for our seniors, this is tough news to hear and we empathize with them. Many events and ceremonies they and family members have looked forward to are still up in the air or have been canceled. What will happen with graduations this year is still being developed by school districts across the state, including JISD, and we will let you know as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Never in our wildest dreams could any of us predict that this would be the way the 2019-2020 school year would play out, but I feel Judson ISD will show its strength, as a whole, through all of this. We hope the helping hand we’ve offered to the community shows how much we deeply care about you and your family, because we do...it’s genuine. Thank you for your patience and your support. May God bless you with good health on the other side of this.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Ball, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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It is the policy of Judson Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, marital or veteran status, disability or other legally protected status in its programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 8012 Shin Oak, Live Oak, Texas, 78233. (210) 945-5101.



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17 de abril de 2020

Estimados estudiantes y padres de familia de Judson ISD:

Esta carta es para informarles que todas las escuelas de Texas, incluyendo Judson ISD, permanecerán cerradas por el resto del año escolar 2019-2020. El gobernador de Texas, Gregg Abbott, bajo el consejo de varios expertos en salud y seguridad, ha pedido que todas las escuelas del estado permanezcan cerradas durante este año escolar. El proceso de "abrir de nuevo Texas" será lento y el gobernador se está refiriendo a esto como algo que va a suceder por etapas y esas etapas tomarán más tiempo que el final del semestre. Dicho esto, JISD se dedica a proporcionar un entorno de aprendizaje en el hogar en línea de calidad y atractivo para nuestros estudiantes a medida que terminamos este año académicamente proporcionando los recursos para llevarlo a cabo.

Sabemos que muchos estudiantes, maestros, padres y personal están muy decepcionados con este desarrollo, pero la salud pública es primordial y nadie quiere que el público regrese demasiado rápido solo para tener que cerrar nuevamente. Si bien las escuelas e instalaciones de Judson ISD permanecerán cerradas durante el resto de este año escolar, la instrucción continuará en línea ya que ha sido realizada por nuestros dedicados maestros y los recursos educativos también estarán disponibles y actualizados. JISD también continuará brindando comidas de lunes a viernes de 11 am a 1 pm en los sitios designados y ubicaciones móviles.

Se entiende que para nuestros estudiantes del último grado de preparatoria, estas son noticias difíciles de escuchar y empatizamos con ellos. Muchos eventos y ceremonias que ellos y sus familiares esperaban aún están en el aire o han sido cancelados. Lo que sucederá con las graduaciones este año todavía lo están desarrollando los distritos escolares de todo el estado, incluido JISD, y le informaremos tan pronto como se finalicen los arreglos.

Nunca en nuestras peores pesadillas podríamos haber predicho que esta sería la forma en que se desarrollaría el año escolar 2019-2020, pero siento que Judson ISD mostrará su fortaleza, en general, a través de todo esto. Esperamos que la mano que hemos ofrecido a la comunidad muestre cuánto nos preocupamos profundamente por usted y su familia, porque lo hacemos ... es genuino. Gracias por su paciencia, su apoyo y que Dios lo bendiga con buena salud al otro lado de esto.

Sinceramente,

Jeanette Ball, Ph.D.

Superintendente de Escuelas

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