



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Judson ISD Parents and Guardians:

I hope that each of you are doing well and have still been able to find a way to enjoy your summer. It's so important for you and your child to stay healthy. That's why so many precautions and alternate ways of carrying on life seem to be emerging before our eyes, including education. Developing an effective way of delivering instruction to students at the different grade levels while staying safe has been our goal. It also has to meet the needs of our unique community as well. This summer we have been working on our plans while waiting on updates from Governor Abbott, Commissioner Morath and many others. We want to make sure that we provide different opportunities that meet the needs of as many people as possible. JISD has been waiting to release the information in an effort to make sure that we have all the guidance from the state to help develop the most comprehensive plans for instruction.

As many of you have heard, Governor Abbott announced that Texas public schools would be open for in-person instruction in the fall but we realize that parents want different options too. Therefore, in an effort to make sure that we provide the best opportunities for our students, we have developed different plans to be tailored to our different families. Our goal is to provide options that meet the educational needs of students whose own health or the health of family members makes in-person instruction problematic. In addition, if parents do not feel comfortable sending their child to school they will have options to receive quality instruction remotely with, of course, the option for the traditional setting.

Twice a week, superintendents participate in a zoom session with Commissioner Morath to address the various COVID-19 implications on the educational system. We are constantly receiving changes, updates, and guidance, making this still a very fluid situation. The instructional plan for Judson ISD will be released no later than next Wednesday, July 8, 2020. At that time, you will receive detailed information on the options available for your child/children. This plan will have different choices to meet the needs of your child with a priority on the safety of students and staff. We have built these choices with enough flexibility to provide opportunities for everyone to be academically successful with as low a risk as possible.

Next week you will have available information such as a video, online information, a survey, and a help line that you will be able to email questions and receive a response. Thank you for your patience and support of our district as we go forward with the best plan possible for our students and staff. We want to make sure that we provide you information that meets your needs, so please be on the lookout for additional information next Wednesday.

Once again thank you! If I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me at Jball@judsonisd.org. Take care and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

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