

March 13, 2020

Dear Aggie Family:

As you are aware by now the Governor has enforced a mandatory closure for all K-12 schools beginning March 16th through April 6th. As of now, school will resume Tuesday, April 7, 2020. As far as any future school calendar changes we are holding off on that right now for two reasons. First, we are not sure if this ordered school closure will be longer than what has been announced so far. Secondly, we are waiting to hear if the State will be forgiving this instructional time or if we will be required to make it up. So, to be clear, as of 3-13-20 we are due back in session on Tuesday April 7th.

During the closure, the following will apply:

- The school building and grounds will be shut down to all students, parents, community members and non-professional staff except those support staff positions deemed essential to reopen and or provide a specific service that must be done.
- There will be no meetings, athletic practices, open gyms and/or contests held.
- Beal City Public Schools is committed to continuing food service for families who are in need. We will be providing food bag pick up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. This service is available to any Aggie family that needs it regardless of free/reduced lunch status.

In regards to the continuation of education during the closure, it will look a little different depending on the grade level of your student.

Elementary students (K-5th) are being sent home with work packets to get them through the next couple of weeks. We will also be sending out a list of resources that can be accessed from home. We will continue to update this as necessary. It is imperative that students continue to work and grow during this time off. Skills that are not continually refined begin to diminish. We certainly don't want our students losing some of the incredible gains that they have made throughout the year.

Secondary students (6th-12th) – Teachers have given students assignments to take home over the closure. These assignments will be enhanced throughout the closure through the use of Google Classroom, which is an online resource allowing students and teachers to maintain the teaching and learning environment as best as possible. We are aware that not 100% of our students will have internet access during the closure and our expectation is that they will work on the assignments that have been sent home to the best of their ability. When we return from closure we will take some time to get all of our students back together. We know that idle minds aren't growing minds and are committed to helping our students grow, even if there is a school closure.

Because the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is a top priority, rest assured that our custodial staff has been and will be working to deep clean and disinfecting all school buildings.

Please continue to look at the school's website and Facebook pages for updates as they become available.

Thank you for your continued support of Beal City Public Schools. If you have questions please feel free to contact school administration via email at any time.

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