

## San Antonio Independent School District

141 Lavaca Street • San Antonio, TX 78210 • (210) 554-2200 • www.saisd.net

March 13, 2020

## Dear SAISD Families:

SAISD is committed to making all decisions in the best interest of the health and safety of our students and staff, as well as the larger community. As a precaution, we have made the difficult decision to close all SAISD schools through Friday, March 20.

This was not an easy decision for us to make, but we are doing so on the advice of medical experts and following discussions with the Metropolitan Department of Health, the City of San Antonio, Texas Education Agency and our peer school districts in the region.

All Central Office staff will continue to work next week to ensure that we can provide critical services including food service, payroll and budget, and that we can plan for remote learning opportunities for students – should that become necessary. Please see upcoming updates on our website for additional details on meals and other commonly asked questions about services, which will be available to students next week.

Campuses will continue to be staffed with minimal employees in case families need to call with questions. These staff members are principals and assistant principals, as well as secretaries, family and community engagement specialists, nurses, counselors and custodians. These employees will be a resource to our families as they continue to navigate this difficult situation.

Given that schools will be closed, all athletics, fine arts and other extracurriculars have been suspended beginning today and for the week of March 16. However, note that the SAT test that is scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, March 14, will continue.

For your health and those of your loved ones, we ask that you follow CDC recommendations to practice social distancing by avoiding public places when possible. Please protect yourself and your loved ones as we work as a community to mitigate the effects of this virus.

Thank you for your support as we continue to strive to make decisions to best protect the health and wellness of our families and employees.

Sincerely,

Pedro Martinez

SAISD Superintendent