



San Antonio Independent School District

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Dear SAISD Families,

With yesterday's Emergency Declaration from our Mayor and today's announcement from the Governor shutting down businesses across the state and prohibiting meetings of more than 10 people, we are entering a new phase in the COVID-19 fight. I know that many of you must feel anxious and scared. I know that as a community we will get through this. And I know that as an SAISD community we will come through this stronger than before.

In this time of need, I wanted to make sure you are aware of all of the ways your SAISD community is working to support you:

1) Remote Learning Opportunities:

Yesterday, we placed an order for 30,000 electronic devices, with the goal of closing the digital divide for children in our community. This is an incredibly ambitious undertaking that we had planned to meet within three years. The time is now, though, and our goal is to close the gap in two weeks. We are also purchasing hotspots for internet connectivity and ear-phones for our learners. You will be receiving more details from your school principals within the next two weeks.

Yesterday we also launched the new "Digital Playground," a website with learning activities for all grade levels, which are organized into lesson plans by subject areas. We've had a huge response to the resources in the last 24 hours! Please visit <https://www.saisd.net/2020>. If you need help accessing any of the resources, please call the SAISD help desk at 210-244-2929 or 210-554-2620.

2) Food Service:

As you know, we have expanded our food delivery services to 27 sites as of yesterday. We're proud to report that we served 5,000 meals yesterday! As of last night, we learned that we can now deliver both breakfast and lunch meals together. We are continuing to explore additional ways to expand this service, including food delivery options. Stay tuned for more details.

3) Counseling Services:

If you are feeling worried or down, our virtual school counseling office is now open to support you and your children. If you would like to talk to someone about any aspect of this crisis, we are here for you. Please contact schoolcounselors@saisd.net.

As I've said, we will come through this as a community. The COVID crisis is pushing us as a school district into a new territory, and with that comes ramping up our expertise in digital learning. We'll now have extensive experience delivering online instruction – with the same focus on student achievement. While this period is a difficult one, we will make the best of it and we will continue to put your child first.

As always, thank you for your support for SAISD. I am proud to be your leader during this difficult time. Please take care of yourselves and your family.

Sincerely,
Pedro

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