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Dear Hooks ISD Family,

We want to thank you for your patience as we have taken the time to allow your students a break from school and put our educational plan into place. We are all venturing into unfamiliar territory as we are transitioning away from the traditional methods of instruction we have known and are accustomed to. This letter is intended to provide you with information about how we will function for now, and over the long term, if we are unable to return to school on April 6<sup>th</sup> as planned. You may have additional questions that are not addressed here, but we encourage you to reach out to your children's teachers and school administrators to help answer them.

In terms of "homeschooling" your children, please know we do not expect your child to do homework for 6-7 hours a day like they do at school. The school day has many breaks and transitions built in that make up that time. For most students at home, their work can be completed in much less time. One strategy that might make the day easier for you is: set a daily schedule that includes time for homework, hands-on activities, outdoors or physical activities, crafts, time to read and down time to play games or just watch tv. We do not want this to be a burden on you; however, we also want to make sure your child is still able to practice the skills they have learned throughout the year. Electronic resources will also be posted on teacher webpages and the Hooks ISD Facebook page.

For the safety of our students, staff and families, we have limited staff on campuses at various times. The quickest way to contact someone is by emailing them directly. Email addresses can be found on the Hooks ISD webpage at [www.hooksisd.net](http://www.hooksisd.net). You can also call each campus if needed:

Hooks Elementary: (903) 547-2291

Hooks Junior High: (903) 547-2568

Hooks High School: (903) 547-2215

## Nutritional Information

**Any child 18 and under will have two options available for food services. Meals will be available beginning Tuesday, March 31, 2020. After Tuesday, meals will be available each day Monday-Friday.** We have sent out a survey to help us identify food service needs, if you have not. If you have not already taken the survey, please do so as soon as possible. It is posted on our school website and Facebook page. It was also sent out via the Remind service.

Option 1: Grab and Go Meals will be available at both the High School and Junior High cafeterias. Both breakfast and lunch will be served between 9:00-11:00 a.m. Meals can be picked up at the doors of the High School cafeteria and the double doors in front of the office at the Junior High.

Option 2: Grab and Go Meals will be delivered to both McArthur Park and the city Little League Park. Both breakfast and lunch will be served between 9:00-9:30 a.m. at these locations.

**Children must be present to receive a meal. Please stay in your vehicle; someone will be out to assist you.**

If you are unable to access food at one of these locations, please contact Dorothy Sagers at (903) 547-6077 ext. 6020.

## Hooks Elementary Information

Hooks Elementary will provide paper instructional packets to students; optional electronic resources will also be included. Packets may be picked up, Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. through the car pick up line. Please make sure your student car tag is visible. If you are unable to come at this time, please contact the school to make arrangements to pick up your child's work. Call (903)547-2291 or email Kenny Turner at [turnerke@hooksisd.net](mailto:turnerke@hooksisd.net) or Jennifer DeAnda at [deandaj@hooksisd.net](mailto:deandaj@hooksisd.net). At this time, students will be provided work through April 6<sup>th</sup> (5 days). Work will need to be returned with your student on April 6<sup>th</sup> if we are able to return to school. If our closure continues after April 6<sup>th</sup>, work can be dropped off and new work picked up each Tuesday between 9:00-11:00 a.m. following the same procedure above.

## Junior High & High School Information

1. Parents or students will be contacted by a teacher via phone or email to confirm their preferred mode of curriculum delivery (Google Classroom/Electronic or print hard-copies). The campus will use phone numbers and emails currently on file for each student.
2. The curriculum can be accessed through Google Classroom using codes provided to students by teachers. Access codes will be posted on the teacher's webpage.
3. Print packets of curriculum documents will be available for pick-up if needed.

The Junior High School pick up of paper assignments will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at the doors in front of the office between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you are unable to pick up during this time, please contact the school to make arrangements. Call (903) 547-2568 or email Craig Mahar at [maharc@hooksisd.net](mailto:maharc@hooksisd.net) or Kelly Coleman at [odomke@hooksisd.net](mailto:odomke@hooksisd.net).

The High School Pick up of assignments will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at the cafeteria doors between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you are unable to make your pick up during this time, please contact the school to make arrangements. Call (903) 547-2215 or email Danny Garrett at [garrettd@hooksisd.net](mailto:garrettd@hooksisd.net) or Beverly Shannon at [shannonb@hooksisd.net](mailto:shannonb@hooksisd.net).

## Chromebooks

If needed, Junior High and High School students will be able to checkout a chromebook so your child can gain access to Google Classrooms for the teachers. Some classes at the high school rely more heavily on this access than others. We want to make sure students are able to continue the method of instruction in the way they have been receiving it. They can only be checked out at the high school campus and a parent will be required to sign a check out sheet. Due to the limited number of chromebooks available, we will only be able to checkout one device per household. If you already have devices at home, students will be able to log into their Google Classrooms to complete their work. Contact Taylor Clements at [clementst@hooksisd.net](mailto:clementst@hooksisd.net) or (903) 547-6077 ext. 1085 to make arrangements to check out a chromebook.

## WiFi

If you do not have internet, all of our campuses will have WiFi available to submit assignments. You can bring your device to our parking lots at any campus and gain access to our district WiFi to receive new work and submit work in Google Classroom. For help with gaining access to Google Classroom or with the chromebooks, please email Rowdy Peacock at [peacock@hooksisd.net](mailto:peacock@hooksisd.net) or Lacey Sciara at [sciaral@hooksisd.net](mailto:sciaral@hooksisd.net). You can also sign up for the technology Remind service: text 81010 @hisdtech.

Thank you again for allowing us to educate your child and working through this process with us. Please continue to watch for updates on our website, social media, Skyward emails and Remind.

Sincerely,



Keith Minter,  
Superintendent