



# SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

March 24, 2020

## **SFDR CISD EXTENDS SCHOOL CLOSURE DATE TO APRIL 3**

Given the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, San Felipe Del Rio CISD will extend the suspension of normal district operations through Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in an effort to support our community's need to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus; and comply with local, state and national orders.

By executive order of the Governor and most recently, the executive order issued by the Honorable Val Verde County Judge and the Honorable Mayor of Del Rio, San Felipe Del Rio CISD's classrooms will remain closed to children. However, the District's systems must remain operational in order to continue preparing and delivering home-based instruction and meals during the time that schools remain closed.

During this "shelter in place" period and until otherwise notified, District Offices (including campus offices) will remain closed to the public but accessible via phone lines. Most personnel will be asked to work from home, with the exception of limited personnel - and only during limited times. In all cases, all employees will receive the same compensation they received prior to the COVID-19 school closure.

1. Teachers, instructional staff, and other support staff (i.e. counselors and nurses) will report to school only as needed (make copies, use technology). All other required duties will be completed from home.
2. Cafeteria staff and bus drivers will only work the hours necessary to prepare and deliver meals to students. Any hours worked above 20 hours will be paid at 1.25%.
3. Secretaries and other para-professionals will be asked to take small shifts (no more than four hours per week) to answer the phones; and will then perform other duties from home.
4. Security personnel will monitor campus activities and assist with other peace officer duties as coordinated with other law enforcement agencies.
5. Custodians and maintenance staff will report to work to perform essential cleaning duties (no more than 20 hours per week).

During this suspension period, the District will continue monitoring and coordinating with local County, City and Health officials to determine whether the virus has affected our local community, whether it has been contained, and whether there is a need to extend the suspension further.

Board President Raymond Meza shares that during these unprecedented times he is reminded of a quote from Hellen Keller who once said that "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. Over these past few days I've seen our SFDR CISD team evolve into a much stronger organization clearly focused on doing whatever it takes to support our parents and students while they remain safe at home."