

## Parents and Guardians,

Governor Greg Abbott just announced that all schools in Texas will be closed but providing home based instruction for the remainder of the school year. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the parents, guardians, and caregivers of all of our Menard ISD students for the new role you are playing in the education of your child. In Menard ISD, we have always enjoyed strong support from our parents and for that we are grateful. During this time of school closure, we want you to know we stand ready to assist you and support you just like you have done for us.

In Menard ISD, we are fully aware that this global pandemic has affected everyone in one way or another. Many of you are working full time from home, providing educational support for your school-age students, caring for younger children and trying to tend to all of the tasks of keeping your household running. Instead of having one or two full-time jobs, you now have many. Others, find themselves out of work and are experiencing an added financial burden as well. The stress of this situation is daunting.

We will continue with our home based learning the rest of this school year through May. Packet pick up and drop off will continue on Tuesdays through May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please know that our teachers and administrators, as well as other school staff, are here for you. Please reach out to them and let them know what questions you have or if there are ways Menard ISD can help. The instruction that is being sent home is very important for promotion and class credit. Please continue to complete the work.

We will keep you posted if anything changes. Please watch the website and/or Facebook for updates. We are still monitoring and planning our May events, and how those important activities will be effected by this pandemic. Your children are in our hearts during this time.

We are proud to partner with you.

Please continue to adhere to health and safety guidelines posted by public officials.

Stay well,

Amy Bannowsky Superintendent, Menard ISD