



# Ricardo Independent School District

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Thank you for your patience during this new and challenging situation concerning the Coronavirus. I want to assure you we will continue to move forward thoughtfully while prioritizing the safety of our staff, students, and families.

We take seriously our role in safeguarding public health, and our responsibility to help our area remain a low-risk environment. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for the safety and well-being of our students and families, we have made the proactive decision to close school Monday, March 16 through Monday, March 23. Students should plan to return on Tuesday, March 24. During this school closure, staff will be providing instructional support via on-line learning, learning packets and/or google classrooms. Additional information about this support will be shared with families early next week. All extra-curricular events including athletics have been canceled.

We will be deep-cleaning all facilities, including the buses and will implement additional measures to foster good health.

While we cannot require students and their families to stay in the area, we strongly recommend doing so to help ensure a safe environment when school reopens.

I know many of you will have questions related to our change in schedule as well as the steps we are taking to safeguard against illness. We will continue to keep you informed, via Ricardo Independent School District Facebook, School Messenger, Remind and Ricardo ISD website; [www.ricardoisd.us](http://www.ricardoisd.us).

I urge everyone to follow guidance given by the CDC ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) to minimize the spread of contagious illnesses, including frequent hand-washing and staying home when exhibiting flu-like symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support for Ricardo ISD's students and staff. We look forward to seeing everyone when school resumes.

Sincerely,

Maria T. Canales, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools