

## Pecos Independent School District

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TO: Pecos ISD Parents and Guardians

FROM: Fred Trujillo, Superintendent

DATE: March 15, 2020

RE: Closure/Information

We understand that the virus now known as COVID 19 or Coronavirus is causing many challenges in our communities.

First and foremost, I want to thank you for your patience in this unpredictable time. We at PISD want to assure everyone that we are taking precautions that are required and recommended by Governor Lujan-Grisham, the NM Public Education Department, and the NM Department of Health. Governor Lujan-Grisham, along with NMPED and NMOH, has mandated a three week closure of all New Mexico schools from March 16<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>. Below are a few things our district is putting into place locally to ensure our students and staff remain safe and well cared for during this time:

- Dual credit students will have to follow their respective college's schedules and procedures
- Please ensure that your child's teacher and school have up-to-date contact information
- All athletic and extra-curricular activities are suspended until April 6<sup>th</sup>. This includes practices.
- Missed days will NOT have to be made up by students
- Graduation is still scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>—if there are any changes, you will be updated
- Other school activities scheduled after the return on April 6<sup>th</sup> are still on unless notified (this includes prom)
- Your child's school will be in touch with you early this week with information on how to continue the academic process from home during this closure. We are looking at preparing educational packets that can be picked up at the schools—more information will be forthcoming from your principals. We are doing this to keep our children's' minds active and engaged during this time. This is strongly encouraged but not mandatory. High school students who are behind should make arrangements with the Ms. Gutierrez at 505-657-1640 to continue with their credit recovery program (Edgenuity)

- Grab and Go breakfasts and lunches will be provided daily for the three weeks that your child is out of school. These meals will be provided at each of the bus stops each day. The buses will start from the schools at 9:00 a.m. each day. They will get to their stops exactly 3 hours later than the normal times. Students and parents can meet the bus to get both breakfast and lunch at that time. Meals will be packaged for easy distribution.
- Any updates will be relayed accordingly.

Thank you for your attention and patience. Please stay safe and abide by Department of Health recommendations.