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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your patience as we work through various means of coping with the closing of our schools due to the outbreak and spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Please know that we are working as quickly and efficiently as we can to make decisions in the best interest of all stakeholders in our school community – administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and students.

As you may already know, all of our schools will be closed through April 17, 2020. As a result, we are currently preparing learning packets for our students to use for continued learning during this period of school closures. Each Wednesday, learning packets/assignments will be posted on the district's website (coahoma.K12.org) and the district's Facebook page (facebook.com/coahomaCSD) by grade level and/or subject area. Other means of communicating assignments are also being developed and will be shared with you as quickly as possible.

Curbside pickup of materials in printed form for students who cannot access them from the websites can be made on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 at the front/main entrance of their school. (For example, the pickup for this week will occur on this coming Thursday, March 26.) The grade(s) to be picked up should be written on a sheet of paper and passed to a school staff member who will collect the paper and give back to you the requested materials. **No one should leave their cars to pick up materials unless asked to do so.**

The assignments are being designed to reinforce and enrich students' skills while schools are closed. Students will be asked to submit all work distributed for completion when schools reopen. While the work may not negatively affect students' grades for the period of closure for Covid-19, the work may be used to help students meet promotion requirements, or used to prevent the need for any of them to have to attend summer school. Therefore, it is very important that all work assigned to students be returned.

Students enrolled in academic dual credit courses and AP courses (high school students) are required to complete online course assignments in order to receive course credits. High school students should contact the high school principal and/or counselor by telephone or email about dual credit and AP requirements if they have questions or need assistance.

Information about the distribution of report cards for the third term will be posted by Monday, March 30, 2020.

Finally, unless otherwise ordered to do so, nutritious meals for CCSD students will continue to be offered curbside in the form of grab and go breakfast/lunch combos from 9:30 – 12:00 noon each day. The meals will be delivered on school busses following regular school routes.

Please continue to take care of yourselves, and your families, by closely following the Center for Disease Control's guidelines and best practices for combating COVID-19.

This is a challenging time for everyone; however, together, we can and will get through the challenges with working partnerships, patience, persistence, and prayer.

Sincerely, Ilean Richards Interim Superintendent