



San Antonio Independent School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I believe you are heroes. Since spring break, you have had to navigate what was previously unthinkable – the closure of your child’s school. I realize this added a level of chaos and a juggling of schedules and priorities when many of our lives already were stressful. I want you to know that we recognize the burden this placed on you, and we appreciate your resilience and patience in this time of universal crisis. You are our most valuable partner right now in the education of your children, and I promise you that we will get through this together.

Be assured, we are even more committed than ever to providing excellent learning experiences for your children. As such, teachers have created online classrooms and they are in the process of contacting students with login information. If you don’t have access to the learning environment right now, your child will not be penalized. We know this is an issue for many of our families, and we are working to solve this challenge for you. Every student should have a device and internet access within the next one or two weeks, and your campus will be reaching out to you.

Additionally, as part of our good-faith effort to help all students, we will strive to provide alternative access to the curriculum for students with disabilities and English learners. It is important to us that we collaborate with special education support services, Bilingual/Dual Language and ESL language teachers, and families to continue to meet the diverse needs of our students.

As we embark on this new journey, we know that you will have questions along the way. This letter addresses the most frequently asked questions regarding how the school closure and new online instruction will impact grades, promotion, and graduation. The intention is not to give an answer to every question that may arise, but to provide a basic framework for how we will operate during this school closure.

It is important to note that the circumstances surrounding school closures are evolving. We ask that you please notify your campus if your contact information has changed. We want to ensure you are receiving the resources and updates we are providing. We also recommend that all parents and guardians continually visit the SAISD web page for updated information at www.saisd.net. If you have additional concerns, please do not hesitate to call your campus. We are here to help.

I know these next few weeks are not the ones we anticipated and that this spring semester may come with a sense of loss. We feel it, too. Know that we will support you through it all – because even in the midst of social distancing, we value our interconnectedness. We will stay connected, just in different ways. And these connections can still be deeply engaging, and lead to great discoveries and bonding experiences – and even celebratory moments. When these special moments happen, please share the good news with us. We promise to do the same with you.

Sincerely,
Pedro

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