



**BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Big Spring School District Staff and Families:

The situation with the COVID-19 coronavirus is rapidly changing. It is important for the District to maintain open communication with you regarding our ongoing measures to ensure the safety and security of our students, staff and community. First, I want to assure you that at this time, the District does not have any presumed or confirmed COVID-19 cases. While we are hopeful the situation remains this way, we are also planning measures such as canceling events or closing our schools in order to help minimize the spread of this virus. These are preemptive measures in an effort to support the health and safety of our learning organizations. With these preemptive measures in mind, the District is currently reviewing all school related field trips, extra-curricular trips, and athletics/arts events on a case by case basis. We have not made the decision to unilaterally cancel field trips or events, but we will continue to re-evaluate this situation on a daily basis and plan accordingly for the coming days and weeks.

I believe that a thoughtful and prudent approach is best as we stand committed to ensuring public safety without unnecessary disruptions or panic. We will continue to provide regular updates to you as appropriate as we work closely with federal, state, and local agencies and health officials to plan accordingly. All official District updates and information regarding COVID-19 will be sent to you via our Blackboard Connect platform by text, phone, or email. Official District updates will not be distributed via social media platforms such as Twitter, Snapchat or Facebook, so please exercise caution and remain vigilant regarding the source and accuracy of information you may encounter on social media. We also encourage you to view the COVID-19 resource links posted at [www.bigspringsd.org](http://www.bigspringsd.org) under the "District News" section of our website.

The health and safety of our community is a shared responsibility and one that we take very seriously. As always, I appreciate your patience and support as we move forward together during this current challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Fry", with a long, sweeping underline.

Richard W. Fry, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools