



**BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Office of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction*

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May 11, 2020

Dear Home School Supervisor:

I hope this communication finds you and your family safe and well.

Given the mandated school closures due to the COVID-19 response efforts, the PA Department of Education (PDE) has released guidance specific to home education programs. This letter provides specific guidance to home education programs within the Big Spring School District for the 2019-20 school year.

- PDE has waived the standardized test requirements for grades 3, 5, and 8 for the 2019-20 school year.
- The requirement to submit an annual written evaluation by an approved supervisor stating that an appropriate education is occurring for the school year under review has also been waived for the 2019-20 school year.
- The 180 days of instruction requirement has been waived for the 2019-20 school year, although PDE strongly recommends supervisors provide as much instruction as possible before the end of the 2019-20 school year while following social distancing guidelines.

For students planning to enroll or continue to homeschool beyond the 2019-20 school year, a notarized affidavit and other required documents should be submitted to the superintendent's office no later than August 1, 2020. If needed, notary services are available by appointment at the district administration offices. You can schedule an appointment by calling 717-776-2000.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717-776-2403 or [reuker@bigspring.k12.pa.us](mailto:reuker@bigspring.k12.pa.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robyn R. Euker".

Dr. Robyn R. Euker  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction