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Dear Aransas Pass ISD Parents/Guardians,

Given the rapidly evolving situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, Aransas Pass ISD will extend the suspension of normal district operations through Thursday, April 9th, in an effort to support our nation's need to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19.

Distance learning will take place beginning Monday, March 23rd through Thursday, April 9th. All students will be provided instructional support from APISD teachers beginning Monday, March 23rd. Details will be announced very soon.

Friday, April 10th will continue to be a student and staff holiday.

Monday, April 13th will be a professional development day (no classes for students).

**The first day students will attend classes on campus will be Tuesday, April 14th.**

Our health officials report that cases are continuing to spread in the state and confirmed cases in our area seems very likely. Suspending operations for this length of time will allow us to determine, in coordination with local health officials, whether the virus has been contained. We are coordinating with other school districts in our area and will use the week of April 6th to make any decisions on whether there is a need to extend the suspension of classes on campuses (and extend distance learning opportunities) further.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has outlined the need for all communities to implement a social distancing protocol. We want to reiterate a request to our broader community to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

Do not shake hands.

Wash your hands regularly.

Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places and maintaining 3 to 6 ft. of distance between people (at least an arm's length).

If you are moving around in the community, do not congregate in large groups.

For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country – it is highly recommended that you self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

If you suspect you have [symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice.](#)

Keep your child at home.

Do not leave the house if you are ill, except to access medical care.

This is a quickly changing situation, and we will continue to monitor information, will assess conditions throughout the week, and will provide needed updates via our website and email.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of our Panther community stay safe and healthy while continuing their learning.

Sincerely,

Cara Cooke  
Superintendent  
Aransas Pass ISD