



FABENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 17, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope that you are doing well during these challenging times. I want to thank you for your patience as we maneuver through the frequent changes that the coronavirus brings to our lives and impacts our district. The safety and well-being of our students and staff continues to be our top priority. Additionally, we want to continue to provide quality instruction in a safe and optimal environment for your child to succeed.

On July 9, 2020, Public Health officials issued an updated order for the reopening of on-campus instruction. The updated order limits face-to-face instruction and requires school buildings to remain closed to non-essential personnel until at least Sept. 8.

Fabens ISD will begin virtual instruction on **August 10, 2020** in accordance with the calendar that was adopted by the Board of Trustees. The flexibility in the calendar that includes an intercession week in both October and March will allow us to utilize that time in the best interest of the district. The first four weeks of school will be conducted virtually for all students.

Fabens ISD has ordered laptops for all students, Pre-K through 12th grade to ensure vibrant, connected virtual instruction for all students. Due to high demand, some technology device shipments have been delayed for several districts.

Our deepest thanks go out to Canutillo ISD for providing laptops to districts, including Fabens ISD, to ensure devices are available for the start of school. We will resume with on-campus instruction for families who choose this option on Sept. 8, or once local health authorities deem it safe to do so. We will continue to follow the guidance and directives from health and government authorities to ensure we are doing our part to reduce the rate of infection and subsequent risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Parents were sent a survey to select their preference of virtual or on-campus instruction. Parents should still proceed with choosing an option as soon as possible to facilitate planning for campuses. It can be found at <https://www.fabensisd.net/Domain/704>. We will send out the survey again in case you did not receive it and staff members will be calling to assist families with the completion of the survey, if needed.

Grab-n-Go meal service (breakfast & lunch) will be available during remote learning for all enrolled students. If parents are unable to pick up meals, a delivery option will be available. Please check out the website for more details coming soon.

For updates and details of Fabens ISD's reopening plan, visit www.fabensisd.net.

Sincerely,
Dr. Veronica Vijil
Superintendent of Schools