

October 13, 2020

Dear Hamilton ISD Parents/Guardians:

The administrative team and teaching staff have reviewed student performance and attendance data from the first nine weeks of school. The data revealed remote instruction has not been successful for many of our students. The added burden of teaching both face to face and remote students is not in the best interest of all students. We believe it is in the best interest of students at the pre-k/kindergarten and secondary level (grades 6-12) to return to face-to-face on campus instruction. Starting Tuesday, October 20, 2020 all Hamilton JH & HS, as well as pre-k/kindergarten students, will return to face-to-face instruction on campus instruction.

It is the district's belief that face-to-face instruction at Hamilton ISD is the best method for children to learn. We look forward to welcoming back most of our secondary students to the classroom and campuses. Students and staff will still be expected to adhere to the COVID-19 safety guidelines established in our return to school plan. However, should you choose to pursue alternative means of education for your child, we wish everyone the most success. The following is a list of some alternative education possibilities:

- Enroll in Texas Virtual Tech Academy (www.txvta.com, 512-883-7030)
- Withdraw to homeschool (Parents will be solely responsible for their child's education)
- Transfer to another school district that offers remote learning
- Texas Tech K-12 (<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/k12/>) formerly known as Texas Tech ISD

Hamilton ISD will continue to place students affected by testing, quarantine and confirmed cases as asynchronous instruction for the required period. During this time, students and parents will be provided with the appropriate educational resources to continue the academic learning of each child.

Campus administrators will be contacting families of virtual learners to discuss the next steps to return your child back to face-to-face on campus instruction on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

The Hamilton ISD and Board of Trustees are committed to the success of all students and staff and look forward to the remainder of the school year. The district will continue to monitor the educational impact of the remote students at Ann Whitney Elementary.

Respectfully,



Clay Tarpley
Superintendent

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