

Hart ISD Staff,

Welcome back! I know the 19-20 school year did not end the way anyone envisioned. It brought many challenges that we had not expected. I am eager to get the 2020-2021 school year started but know this year will also come with many challenges. I appreciate your continued support and dedication as the Hart Longhorns Keep Climbing.

I wish I could tell you that the school year is well planned and “we have it all figured out” but there are still many unknowns. These are very uncertain times and things change frequently. The one thing we are certain of is Hart ISD students will continue to receive quality education from the very best staff possible. Our instructional methods may differ from those in previous years but our intended outcome will still be the same. We will continue to instruct our students using high levels of rigor and prepare them for success.

In order to protect our students and staff from COVID-19 exposure, here are a few of the protective measures that will be used.

- All students (10 years and up) and staff will wear masks each day.
- COVID screenings will occur daily upon arrival to school (students and staff)
- Encouraged social distancing
- Students given the option of in-person or online instruction
- COVID-19 Response Protocol in Place
- Frequent sanitation using disinfectant

Hart ISD has made many adjustments to our traditional school day in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Administration is eager to share these changes with you. These adjustments will not come easy but I know the Hart ISD staff will continue to do everything possible to prepare our students academically while also meeting their social, emotional and health needs as well.

There will also be some changes to the schedule of our traditional inservice to allow staff to follow the recommended social distancing guidelines. We will follow the schedule below for Monday, August 10th. (You will receive an itinerary for the remainder of the week Monday)

**8:30-10:00** - Elementary Staff Meet in Elem. Library (Schulte/Godino)

**8:30-10:00** - HS/JH Staff meet in PD Room (Chambers/Neudorf/Salazar)

**10:00-11:00** - Elementary Staff/Maintenance Staff meet in Elem. Library (Lara)

**10:00-11:00** - HS/JH Staff/Custodial Staff will meet in PD Room (Bradford/Hernandez)

**11:00-12:00** - Elementary Staff/Maintenance Staff meet in Elem. Library (Bradford/Hernandez)

**11:00-12:00** - HS/JH Staff/Custodial Staff will meet in PD Room (Lara)

**12:00-1:30** - Lunch provided

**1:30-3:30** - Work in your classrooms

This school year may look different than any we've had before but the reason you are here is the same. Your love for the kids at Hart ISD. I truly love Hart ISD and look forward to another great year with you. It's going to be a great year as the Hart Longhorns Keep Climbing!!!

Sincerely,

Krista Lara  
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