



LITTLE AXE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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Jay Thomas, Ed. D  
Superintendent

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8/20/2020

To Parents, Guardians, and Students of Little Axe Public School,

Under recommendation from the Cleveland County Health Department, and out of an abundance of caution, Little Axe Public Schools will be closed to the public beginning Monday, August 24, 2020. This decision has been reached due to an increased number of staff with symptoms of COVID-19 currently. The increase in symptoms appears to be occurring in the Middle School and we are attempting to prevent further spread throughout the district. Staff members showing symptoms have been tested. Contact tracing is being conducted at this time and when results are finalized, individuals at risk of exposure will be contacted.

In accordance with our return to school plan, distance/virtual instruction will begin on Monday, August 24, 2020. All students will be expected to continue learning virtually and access instruction via their Google Classroom. We will resume in-person classes on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. All students grades 5-12 should have a laptop device. If you have a child in grades 5-12 and your child has not received one, please contact your principal via their email address below. Laptop devices for students in fourth grade and below will be distributed as they become available. Further announcements will be made regarding the devices.

All athletic activities and other events will be cancelled during this period of time. Our facilities will be closed to the public as well; this includes all little league activities.

Contact your medical provider if your child experiences COVID related symptoms such as but not limited to: running a fever, sore throat, persistent cough, loss of smell or taste, shortness of breath.

I would like to remind you of the precautions we have been taking over the past two weeks to keep your children and our employees safe. Little Axe School has been sanitized twice each week with a commercial grade disinfectant. Masks have been worn by all faculty and students. All teachers have had access to, and frequently use a hospital grade disinfectant to protect from transmission of the virus. Buses have been disinfected after each route (4 times daily). Hand sanitizer has been available in every classroom and has been used on a regular basis.

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Further updates including breakfast and lunch distribution will be posted in the near future on site Facebook pages and the school website: [www.littleaxeps.org](http://www.littleaxeps.org)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email any of the principals listed below:

Trey Kirkpatrick                      Dalton Griffin  
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You may also contact me at [jay.thomas@littleaxeps.org](mailto:jay.thomas@littleaxeps.org)

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we continue to navigate a very difficult time not only in our community, but nationwide.

Sincerely,  
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