

# PLAINS ISD

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To all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents,

We want to thank you for helping us with what we believe has been a great start! Between students and parents monitoring their symptoms and being cautious about sending kids to school and the efforts of our staff cleaning and disinfecting, we have had no actual cases of COVID-19 in the building and have at least somewhat successfully adjusted to an online learning curriculum for current and future use. We continue to work on tweaks and bugs in the system to improve our distance learning program for future possibilities. We do feel that a time will come when we will need this system for students that are required to stay at home when sick or exposed so that they will not miss several days of school, be counted absent for those days, and get behind in their work.

With everyone's efforts being so successful, we have decided to move to the next phase of getting closer to normal. Starting next Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, all students grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> who wish to come to receive face-to-face instruction will come four days a week, Tuesday through Friday (still no Mondays with students.) Those that choose to come face-to-face in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will be required to comply with Governor Abbott's mandate about wearing face coverings (mask, gaiter, full face shield, etc.) in any situation where they cannot social distance. This will include hallways and classrooms. There will still be online instruction for any who prefer to remain with the distance learning program or choose not to wear a face covering. Even though we cannot put students 6 feet away from each other in all circumstances, we will still try to distance them as much as possible. This will include assigned seating in classrooms and in the cafeteria for identification purposes if necessary.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert McLain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Robert McLain**

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