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Notice: Suspension of Virtual Learning Option

Carlisle ISD is suspending virtual learning across all campuses effective at the end of the first nine week grading period which is Friday, October 16, 2020. The only exception is for those students who are told to quarantine by their doctor or County Health Department for fourteen days due to close contact exposure or a positive test result for COVID-19.

We are suspending the Virtual Learning Option because over 60% of our virtual learners are failing at least one class and most are failing multiple classes. If this trend continues, Elementary and Jr. High learners face the real possibility of being retained in their current grade. High School virtual learners could possibly not receive enough course credits to graduate.

After discussing this information with campus administrators and school board, we believe that suspending the virtual learning option is in the best interest of all of our Carlisle ISD students. All students enrolled in Carlisle ISD must begin attending oncampus instruction no later than Monday, October 19, 2020, which is the first day of the second nine-weeks grading period. We strongly encourage our current virtual learners to return to on-campus instruction at your earliest convenience to help improve grades before the end of the first nine-weeks which is Friday, October 16.

While we believe that on-campus instruction at Carlisle ISD is the best option for all students, listed below are some other options you may consider if you do not believe it is in your child's best interest to return to on-campus learning:

- Call other school districts offering Virtual Learning to seek a transfer
- Withdraw and homeschool
- Enroll in an online school
 - o K-12 online (<u>www.k12.com</u>) this is a free virtual public school in Texas

We want to have your child back in our classrooms. Campus principals will be contacting all virtual learners soon to discuss the steps needed to return your child back to campus on Monday, October 19.

If you have questions you may contact either your child's principal or me at (903) 861-3801 ext. 901 or email me at paynem@carlisleisd.org.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Payne, Superintendent

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