



Moran Independent School District

“An atmosphere where learning and love go hand in hand.”

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Dear Moran ISD Parents & Guardians:

I am more excited about the start of this school year more so than I have ever been in my 27 years as a public school educator. Although the COVID pandemic has disrupted the workings of nearly every aspect of our daily operations, we will prove to be resilient as Americans in overcoming this adversity. In my opinion, the public school system has historically been the glue that binds our communities together, especially our rural communities. I was coaching in Abilene when acts of terrorism brought down the World Trade Centers on September 11, 2001. I remember the pride I had in the reactions of my students to this attack on our country and the surge in patriotism because of it. I venture to say that the COVID pandemic and the eventual recovery from it will likewise bolster American resolve and pride possibly beyond that of the 9/11 attacks. We are all in this together and will overcome this adversity. With this being said, let me give an overview of how we plan to start a grand new school year in Moran ISD.

Our plan is to re-open school as normal on Monday, August 24, 2020. Teachers are excited about returning to work and will welcome students beginning ‘face to face’ instruction with every student that chooses to return to school. A remote, or ‘asynchronous’, instructional format will be offered to those students whose parents choose to keep them home due to continued COVID 19 health concerns. Moran ISD is committed to making the in-person, ‘face to face’, instruction as safe as possible. We will enhance sanitation measures, incorporate daily screenings of students and staff, give staff and students access to personal protective equipment, teach, promote and enforce workplace and classroom safety guidelines, and of course continue to practice social distancing to the best extent possible.

ENHANCED SANITATION will include:

- Maintenance staff will deep clean and sanitize buildings and busses daily before and after use.
- All Moran ISD Staff will sanitize high traffic surfaces multiple times throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizers are located in every classroom and available in all buildings for frequent usage.
- Maintenance staff will disinfect with spray or foggers to complement regular cleaning.

DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS for all Staff & Students:

- All staff members will be screened with temperature checks and a health questionnaire prior to reporting to school each day.
- All students will be screened with temperature checks and health questionnaire prior to entering the school buildings or school buses each day.
- Students or staff that are sick, running fever, have been exposed to COVID 19 or who are awaiting COVID 19 test results will be required to stay home.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

- Staff will be provided masks and face shields. Teachers will be required to wear a face covering or shield when teaching students within the 6 feet socially distanced recommendation by the CDC or when in close proximity to students.
- Students in 1st – 12th grades will be encouraged to wear masks / face shields and will be provided a mask if needed.
- Pre K & Kindergarten classrooms will have additional safety measures implemented.
- Staff members will lead age appropriate discussions and lessons in regard to the wearing of masks / shields, frequent and proper hand washing techniques, social distancing, and campus safety practices.
- Students will be socially distanced during all classroom activities and lessons.

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL) Extra-curricular Activities.

- Due to health and safety concerns, students who select remote learning WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any UIL activity and / or extracurricular activity.

TRANSPORTATION:

- All bus riders will be assigned a seat, or be seated with a family member and must stay seated during the entire bus ride.
- All bus riders must use hand sanitizer upon entering the bus.
- All bus riders (Pre K – 12) must wear a mask / shield while on the bus.
- NO FOOD or DRINK on the school bus.

CAMPUS VISITORS

- Campus visitors will be restricted to the foyer of the main office.
- For the safety of students and staff, all visitors with scheduled appointments (i.e. ARD meetings, teacher conferences) will be screened prior to entering the building.
- Parents will NOT be allowed to eat breakfast or lunch with their children in the cafeteria. Outdoor eating will be made available within family units only.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Moran ISD values the partnership with our parents and encourages parents to continue to be a vital role in the education of their children. We encourage parents to be active in our school via conference call, email or video chat.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

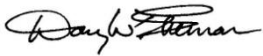
- All parents must complete registration forms and indicate whether their child will attend in-person on campus instruction or remote learning from home.
- If remote instruction is chosen, internet access and devices will be the parent's responsibility.
- Downloading or uploading of assignments will be required daily or weekly. Internet access will be provided at school only.
- Compulsory attendance laws will apply. Each student must be able to speak to all of their teachers from 8:00 – 9:30 am each day to be counted as present. Please make certain Moran ISD has a good working phone number.

- Teachers will be making daily calls or emails to monitor progress of remote learning students.
- Not all electives may be available via remote learning and therefore graduation plans may be affected.

Moran ISD is committed to providing your child a safe and effective learning environment. We will take every precaution possible to mitigate the spread of COVID 19, should a case arise within our school family. By working together and keeping everyone informed of possible COVID exposures we will overcome this pandemic. Eventually we will get back to the 'old normal' when we were just one big, happy Moran ISD family. I look forward to walking the elementary hallways for a hug or two on down the road somewhere.

Everyone enjoy the remainder of your summer. Stay safe!

Sincerely,



Danny W. Freeman
Moran ISD Superintendent