

Superintendents,

First, thank you for your leadership in helping to keep our students and our communities as safe as possible during this unprecedented crisis. We are awed by the incredible work happening across this great state in response to this ever changing environment.

Please know that we realize you are looking for clarity in this uncertain time. Unfortunately, we simply do not have enough information at this moment to provide you with a detailed plan for moving forward with UIL activities. As soon as we have more information on when schools will resume operations, we will quickly respond with a detailed plan for resuming UIL competitions. At this point, we are committed to completing all of our competitive seasons that have not yet been completed. While the immediate future is unclear, we will continue to develop contingency plans and prepare for all possible outcomes, including extended school closures.

We have previously communicated that all UIL activities are suspended until March 30th. Given information related to school closures available at this time, we are extending that timeframe. UIL games and contests will resume no earlier than Monday, May 4th. Prior to that date, to allow students and schools to reenter competition, UIL will provide a reasonable acclimatization period for rehearsals and practices to occur, consistent with the advice of local, state and federal officials. We will reevaluate the beginning dates for practices and rehearsals as we receive more information about schools resuming.

We will be providing more guidance on district and post-season date adjustments related to this extension in the coming days. We will be as flexible as possible to help you complete district competitions and provide your students with all of the benefits that come from competition. Please do not begin to make plans for district competition prior to receiving this additional information.

We will continue to closely monitor developments as they occur. Should further adjustments be required, we will develop new plans and communicate them to you as quickly as we can.

UIL staff is here to support you in any way we can. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you have. You can reach me directly at jharrison@uiltexas.org or on my cell at (409) 658-9028.

Again, thank you for your leadership and for your patience. We look forward to working with you to find solutions and possibilities as we work through this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,
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