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Dear Hondo ISD Community:

With the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in Medina County, Hondo ISD has sought to find some balance between instructional best practices and the reduction of exposure of our students to the virus. The Texas Education Agency has determined that in-person learning for all school districts will continue, that remote learning is a viable option for districts with concerns about the spread of COVID-19 in their communities, and that any district that has demonstrated concerns about a student's attendance and/or grades may disallow the remote learning option for that student. As a result, HISD strongly recommends that all parents seriously consider remote education for their students in good standing in both grades and attendance.

To be clear, remote learning is an option only; it is not mandatory and our school district and all campuses will remain open and providing instruction to students who do not want or do not qualify for remote instruction. If your student is more successful attending class every day, we suggest that, with the proper masking and social distancing requirements in place, your child remain in school.

Our faculty and staff will continue to work from their respective campuses, and any change in instructional method will begin on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and go through March 12, 2021, or the start of Spring Break. At that time the district will re-evaluate the process and determine if/how long it is to continue.

Whether your student chooses remote or in-person instruction, his/her daily attendance and engagement is critical. Any student not performing or logging daily attendance will be subject to recall to in-person instruction unless the State determines a need for additional restrictive measures.

Our staff will begin to make contact with all families on Monday, January 18th to receive your preference as to instructional method and to determine your student's eligibility should you opt for remote instruction. On Tuesday, January 19th, changes from in-person to remote instruction will be implemented. Rules and regulations pertaining to the change in method and how it will be delivered are available from your specific campus administration and will be provided when your campus contacts you regarding your decision.

If you have questions, contact your student's campus administrative team. Thank you for your support of Hondo ISD and the students we serve.

Sincerely,

A'Lann Truelock, Ed. D.
Hondo ISD Superintendent