



**Bowie Unified School District #14**  
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Dear Bowie Unified School District Students, Parents, Guardians, and Friends:

On behalf of the entire Bowie Unified School District staff, welcome back to school! As Superintendent, I am looking forward to a school year filled with learning and growth. At Bowie Schools, the team focuses every day on providing every member of our community a safe and positive learning environment where continued growth for student learners is the key focus. Bowie Unified School District is a school district committed to educating for excellence by empowering our students to become compassionate, confident, creative and resourceful members of society. Bowie Schools is a **closed** campus. Security is being upgraded and all of the perimeter fencing should be up soon. Due to CDC guidelines, no parents and visitors will be allowed on campus unless enrolling a child, checking them out for appointments, or prior arrangements by a school staff member. Enrollment paperwork can be picked up at the school office or downloaded off the school website. **No student will be able to begin school without prior enrollment. No walk-ins.** It is important that the staff is aware of student enrollment as to prepare for social distancing, transportation arrangements, and meals. Increased staff, enhanced cleaning procedures, social distancing, classroom Sparklett's water machines along with temperature checks will be the new norm.

Able to follow social distancing guidelines due to small class sizes, Bowie Schools will open for the first day of classes: Monday, August 10, 2020 starting at 7:45 A.M. Understanding that most parents do not favor online learning, have limited or no access to the Internet, or simply do not want student learning packets (worksheets), it is in the best interest for Bowie students to start with face-to-face learning. Elementary and middle school drop-off location is the Doyle Building location. Gates are locked until 7:40 am. Do not drop your child off before 7:40 am. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classrooms this year. Please make every effort to have your child arrive on time each and every day! Bowie Schools afterschool pick-up time is 3:30 pm. High School drop off and pick up is in the front of the high school. Students are not to arrive to school before 7:40 am. Students are not able to congregate on the school campus. Do not drop them off or have them arrive before 7:40 am. Thank you for helping Bowie Schools be a safe campus for all. The school counselor, Mrs. Darcy De Spain will be starting the first day with the children. Emotional needs are just as important as academic needs. New procedures, fire drills, expectations and guidelines will be taught to all the children by the teachers and staff.

Realizing that whatever decision is made, there is both favorable and unfavorable opinion. As a parent, you have the right to choose what is best for your child. Go panthers!

Sincerely,

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