



Anne Frank Inspire Academy ***Remote Learning Through April***

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Dear Anne Frank Inspire Academy family,

We continue to monitor closely the COVID-19 outbreak across Texas and in the greater San Antonio area. As you may know, today the City of San Antonio has banned gatherings of 50 or more people. Additionally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends gatherings of no more than 10 people and longer school closures (8-20 weeks) to mitigate the spread of the virus.

This afternoon, the Bexar County school districts extended their school closures through April 3, or two additional weeks. We are going to extend our school building closure through the month of April and hope to restart classes on campus on Monday, May 4.

Let me explain our reasoning and share some information:

- Keeping our AFIA campus closed through April follows best practices and recommendations and offers the greatest chance of keeping COVID-19 out of our community. This is our effort to support our nation's need to slow the spread of this highly infectious, and deadly, disease.
- Our instructional model allows us to do remote learning. For example,
 - We already have many on-line resources that students use every day. We will make sure students can access these programs remotely (with both Internet and appropriate devices).
 - Our guided inquiry-based model allows us to be innovative and creative. We will be conducting investigations with all students in the weeks ahead.
 - Every student at AFIA will be assigned a lead facilitator – the goal is for daily contact to answer questions, keep up with assignments, record grades, and maintain instructional continuity.
 - We have on-line gradebooks and encourage parents to check your student's progress. Our goal is to complete the 5th six-weeks and then finish the academic year, whether remotely or on-campus.

Please know that *we will reopen the campus when we can do so safely.* In the meantime, we wanted to develop a long-term instructional model that covered all the core academics with a special emphasis on reading and writing and with on-going investigations. And don't forget that we have sack lunches available for anyone who drives by from 11:30 – 12:30 at the school.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support of AFIA – we'll keep you posted as new information comes in and, together, we will get through this.

Best,
Bruce Rockstroh, Superintendent