

March 18, 2020



Dear Parents,

Below is a summary of the emergency call from the State's Commissioner of Education and Department of Education, as well as some brief points to explain our situation until we have further guidance.

**What we know:**

- This is an unprecedented, rapidly evolving situation. What that means is that information is coming fast, without warning, and may counter or otherwise change any prior information.
- Until April 15<sup>th</sup>, at a minimum, schools are closed. At this point, we have not been directed to submit a distance learning plan for students, but we do have one ready to activate should that be the next directive.
- There are many waivers in consideration regarding instructional time, contracted time, and student course credit; so please allow enough time for formal adoption and approval of new policies that will be shared in the future. We are awaiting approval and guidance from the State.
- There are local options to provide food for students in need, and the state is working on a potential plan to enhance access to food for children. We will post on our website the local depots for children for breakfast and lunch. All children ages 1 to 18 have access to this regardless of their current economic status and the sites are posted below this letter.

**What we don't know yet:**

- When school will be back in session at physical sites.
- How this will impact our long-term school calendar.
- Whether or not we will be required to make up any lost days and lost IEP-related service times.
- How students, especially high school seniors, will receive course credit.
- When, or if, accountability and college placement exams will be offered.

Lastly, I believe that together we will all get through this if we continue to work collaboratively, stay calm, and put our students first. We can do this, and I know we will!

Respectfully,

Virginia (Maxwell) Black  
Principal



# Grab-and-Go FOOD LOCATIONS

Nutritious meals at **NO COST** to children 18 and under

Weekdays **March 23–April 15** from **9 a.m.** to **1 p.m.**

Children can receive food one time each day, which will include both breakfast and lunch

## **North and West**

Alonso High School  
Chamberlain High School  
Jefferson High School  
Leto High School  
Mort Elementary School  
Smith Middle School  
Wharton High School

## **Central**

Armwood High School  
Blake High School  
Brandon High School  
Hillsborough High School

King High School  
Madison Middle School  
Middleton High School  
Sligh Middle School  
Spoto High School

## **South and East**

Durant High School  
East Bay High School  
Lennard High School  
Plant City High School  
Reddick Elementary School  
Rodgers Middle School  
Strawberry Crest High School