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## Updated COVID-19 School Closure Information

- 1. While we have only officially canceled classes through Friday, March 20, it is likely that we will extend that closure. We will communicate that decision later this week.
- 2. Parents should have received a survey requesting information regarding internet access, food service needs, etc. This is an effort for us to prepare for an extended closure. Please complete this survey by tomorrow, as it will guide many of our decisions moving forward.
- 3. If we do extend the closure, we plan to begin "at home instruction" early next week. We will share details of that plan no later than Friday.
- 4. We will also begin providing food service next week if the closure is extended. Again, details will be shared no later than Friday.
- 5. Progress reports were scheduled to go out this week. You may access these reports after Wednesday on the Parent Portal. If you need assistance accessing the portal, you may email <a href="mailto:brandon.bryan@howeisd.net">brandon.bryan@howeisd.net</a>.
- 6. All extra-curricular activities and campus events/meetings have been canceled during the school closure. This includes practices as well as games.
- 7. The STAAR test administration for this spring has been suspended. More information will be shared regarding graduation requirements for seniors scheduled for EOC retesting.
- 8. If your student is enrolled in dual credit courses through Grayson College, their instructor should be contacting them regarding their coursework. Grayson has moved to online instruction.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the uncharted waters of an extended school closure. We will continue to share updated information via our school messenger, the Howe ISD website, and local media/social media.

Stay well!!

Kevin Wilson

Howe ISD Superintendent