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In light of the Executive Order issued today by Governor Abbot, Howe ISD will remain closed through April 3. During his press conference, he reiterated that schools should continue with plans to provide "At Home Instruction" as coordinated with the Texas Education Agency. We will begin this process next week. We will offer instruction both through our website and with hard copy packets that may be picked up at the campuses.

At Home Instruction

Beginning Monday, March 23, assignments will be posted on the Howe ISD and/or campus websites and available for pickup at the campuses. We encourage you to access these assignments through the website for secondary students if possible. The Howe ISD Technology department will provide guidance on how to access the material in a separate communication. Campus pickup times will be 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Due to the ban on gatherings of more than 10 people, we will limit the number of people allowed in the building to one family at a time when picking up packets. Selected school supplies will be available if you need them for home instruction. Assignments may be completed and returned via Canvass, email, or dropped off the following Monday when picking up the next week's assignments. As you can imagine, we will be refining this process as we evaluate the functionality of our plan.

Food Service

Beginning Monday, March 23 meals will be provided to all students enrolled in Howe ISD, regardless of School Lunch Program eligibility. We will provide lunch for that day and breakfast for the following day at the Howe Intermediate/Middle School Cafeteria. A "drive through" service will be set up in front of the middle school gym. Cars should enter from the east parking lot entrance and exit the south entrance, similar to morning drop off procedures. Meals will be distributed from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We will also deliver meals for distribution at the following off-site locations and times:

10:45 – 11:15 Pradera Trailer Park (by the front office)

11:15 – 11:30 Westwood Manor Apartments (by the main office)

11:30 – 11:45 Summit Hill sub-division (at gazebo on Summit Hill Pkwy)

Students must be present to receive the meals. As with the assignment pickup, we need to limit interaction during meal distribution to no more than 10 people at a time, so please do not congregate around the pickup area.

Again, thank you for your patience as we work through both the "at home instruction" and meal distribution processes. You can expect modifications for both as we work out the logistics.

Regards,

Kevin Wilson