

March 13, 2020

Dear Gilbert Public Schools Parents and Families,

This is a challenging time for our families, staff and community. As you know, we have been actively monitoring COVID-19 (coronavirus), liaising with County, State and Federal health officials, and following recommended guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are grateful for the ongoing support and patience of our GPS community as we work to make decisions that are best for our students, staff and families.

As a district, our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. Although no cases of COVID-19 have been reported in our school district, we feel the appropriate measure to take is to close our schools. Therefore, **as of Tuesday, March 17, all GPS schools will be closed until further notice to support statewide and national efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19.** We will continue to actively communicate with our parents and families and staff via text, email and our website www.gilbertschools.net/alerts.

Please be assured, we have been preparing for this possibility and continue to develop contingency plans as the situation evolves, with the goal of meeting the needs of our students and community. During the time that schools are closed all athletic games, practices, performing arts events, school events, field trips, preschool, before and after school care, and facility rentals will be cancelled. As the situation evolves we will continue to monitor this closely. Transportation for EVIT students will continue as long as EVIT remains open.

Please note, details about food provisions and other updates including potential online learning opportunities will be coming in subsequent communication and will be provided on our website, along with up to date information and answers to frequently asked questions, www.gilbertschools.net/alerts.

We appreciate the support of our families and community as we remain committed to the health and safety of our students, families, and the wider community.

Sincerely,

Shane McCord Ed.D.

Superintendent

Gilbert Public Schools