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Dear Rice School Community,

As we continue to address the COVID-19 crisis and adjust to school closure, I wanted to share important information.

This new challenge has brought us into uncharted territory. As we have done in the past, we will stand strong together. Ensuring our district continues to operate smoothly, in particular supporting our students' learning and meeting their social and emotional needs is at the forefront of our decision making.

With that in mind, teachers will make contact with their students to check in on their well-being, determine their capacity for technology, and meet virtually to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure our students avoid academic slide.

STAAR testing has been waived for this year. Although this is a released pressure from both schools and students, we do not want our students to experience academic regression. Thus, we are moving forward with teaching and learning remotely via technology and paper-based instruction when necessary.

Beginning this week, our students will receive curriculum-based lessons and activities which will go live. Secondly, HISD @ H.O.M.E. TV will be launched in order to provide educational programming as part of the district's distance learning plan. More information can be found at the following link: <https://blogs.houstonisd.org/news/2020/03/27/hisd-to-provide-educational-programming-through-hisd-h-o-m-e-tv/>

If you have questions or need support during this process, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Your email will be answered within 24-48 hours. Please remember that we are in uncharted territory and need your support to ensure the success of your child learning remotely.

Your child is valued, and our goal is to assist with their learning during this tumultuous time. Together, we are going to get through this!

Stay healthy and be safe!

Principal Kimberly Hobbs