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Travis Families,

As we continue to navigate all the unknowns, I know one of the worries (of many) you’re probably feeling is the interruption of school and lost learning time for your kiddos.

Today, Houston ISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan sent information regarding the launch of HISD @ H.O.M.E. (Home-based Online Mobile Education) found at: https://www.houstonisd.org/HOME. Please note, this is just getting rolled out and that various pieces are being added as quickly as possible. It is a good starting point for learning at home.

As we come off Spring Break, please know that we will be coordinating virtually with our teachers and staff next week on how we’ll connect to and support this, layering in our own whole-child, campus-based learning initiatives and teacher-planned and recommended instructional activities. This will be communicated through school-wide communication to families and through individual communication from your child’s teacher(s).

Today’s communication from Dr. Lathan also included a family survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9VPFZ5Q). Please make sure to submit this if your family needs resources supporting student learning and social emotional welfare. The school will be given this information -- and our teachers will be contacting families as well -- to make sure we provide resources to our families as needed.

This is an anxious time for all of us, including our kiddos, whose world has been turned upside down. We want to be able to provide as much connection with the familiar and their classroom and school community as possible in the weeks ahead. We’ll be working on creative ways to do this. Please have patience with us as we figure our way through this with you.

Let’s also – all of us – stay attuned to the individual and family health of each member of the Travis community and school family. This is a fluid time and we may need to adapt to changing circumstances and constraints.

I shared with our staff members yesterday: we may be physically separated from each other right now, but we will overcome this together. Modeling calmness, patience, and resilience will be the most important lessons we teach during these anxious times.

Have a safe weekend. Wishing you well.

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal