

MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We understand that the virus, now known as COVID-19 is causing many challenges in our communities, our country, and the world. As you are aware school has been canceled tentatively until April 6, 2020 in response to the Public Health Order issued by Governor Lujan-Grisham, the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) and the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) on March 12, 2020. Our staff will be disinfecting, cleaning and fumigating our school during this time. We know that many of you have questions and concerns, so below are a list of items that will hopefully address your questions and concerns.

- In order to prevent your child from regressing academically, there are some online educational programs that may be accessed free of charge. This is strongly encouraged but not mandatory. This links will also be available on our school website. You are also encouraged to contact your child's teacher concerning your child's academic progress and for work recommendations during this time out. (<https://www.mora.k12.nm.us/domain/11>)

- Istation (www.istation.com)– your child has their own username and password
- Kahn Academy (www.kahnacademy.org) – Mathematics
- Scholastic Learn at Home (classroommagazines.scholastic.com)
- Edhelper (edhelper.com)
- newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/practice-tests-nm-asr/
- mathdrills.com
- commoncoresheets.com (every subject)
- www.hmhco.com/coronavirus/access-a-platform (every subject)

The end of the 3rd nine-week period was scheduled to end on March 19th, but we have decided to extend the nine-weeks to end on April 6th. The 4th nine-week period is tentatively scheduled to begin on April 7th. If your child(ren)'s teacher has assigned them work over the Spring Break you may bring that work into the Administration Office in which the work will then be given to their respective teacher. You are also encouraged to contact your child's teacher concerning your child's academic progress and any work that may be turned in. Teacher contact information is available at

<https://www.mora.k12.nm.us/domain/11>. All staff have been instructed to check their emails periodically.

- Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch will be provided daily for the three weeks your child is out of school. Breakfast and lunch meals will be served simultaneously and available for pick-up from 9 – 10 a.m. at the back door of the Mora Cafeteria, gym door of the Holman Cafeteria and the parking lot of the Guadalupita post office. Your child(ren) must be present and adult meals are unable to be purchased at this time. If you are unable to pick up a meal from these sites please call our Food Service Director at 575387-3115 for other delivery options.
- All athletic and extra-curricular activities have been suspended until April 6, 2020. No practices or events will be held during this three-week period.
- All student fieldtrips and parent/family events have been suspended until further notice.
- NMPED is waiving statutory instructional hour requirements, so schools will not have to make up the time missed. Students with Individualized Instructional Plans (IEPs) must receive the same educational opportunities as other students. Since school will be closed and instructional hours will not need to be made up, there are no differences for students with IEPs

Please be advised that I am sending out this letter based on the most current information that I have received from the New Mexico Public Education Department and our superintendent and are subject to change. Should the New Mexico Public Education Department or MISD make any changes to the aforementioned items you will be notified immediately.

During this three-week period should your child(ren) need extra support or if you have further questions please email Superintendent Marvin MacAuley (mmacauley@mora.k12.nm.us) or myself @ jmaldonado@mora.k12.nm.us. I may also be reached at 505-490-8024. We will continue to update everyone as we get the new information from NMPED or NMDOH. Updates will be available through our school reach program, our district website @ <https://www.mora.k12.nm.us> and our district Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/MoralIndependentSchoolDistrict/>

For more information about the virus and its spread we recommend your visit <https://www.cdc.gov/> and/or the DOH website at nmhealth.org.

Prevention Tip: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Respectfully,

John Maldonado, Principal Mora/Holman Elementary/Special Education Director

Cc: Marvin MacAuley, Superintendent