



Brownsville Independent School District

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To: Brownsville ISD Faculty and Staff

RE: Soft Opening of Brownsville ISD Campuses

The Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) has taken the following steps to extend distance learning instruction for all students and staff. After meeting with several members of the Board of Trustees and the superintendent about concerns with in-person instruction, Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. wrote a letter to Governor Abbott requesting the extension of distance learning without financial implications to the school district. As of September 14, 2020, we have not received a response from Governor Abbott nor the Commissioner of Education; therefore, BISD will prepare for a safe and successful soft opening.

The purpose of this plan is to comply with the guidelines and requirements of the Texas Education Agency for phasing in students after the first four-week period.

Soft Opening Plan only for students without internet and/or a technology device.

September 21	Faculty and staff will report to work AM - Virtual Instruction/PM - Professional Development Employees may bring their school age children to work
September 22	AM - Virtual Instruction/PM - Teacher Preparation Day Employees may bring their school age children to work

Phases	Grade Levels
Phase One September 23	Students needing Credit Recovery (<i>High school only</i>) Employees school age children begin reporting to their home school
Phase Two September 28	Pre-K through 2 nd Grade 8 th Grade and 12 th Grade Special Education (<i>All grade levels</i>)
Phase Three October 5	3 rd Grade and 4 th Grade 7 th Grade and 11 th Grade <i>Off-season begins for Athletics and Fine Arts</i>
Phase Four October 13	5 th Grade and 6 th Grade 9 th Grade and 10 th Grade
Phase Five November 2	To be determined for other students subject to further guidance by the Texas Education Agency

Thank you for your cooperation with our plan. Your safety is of the utmost importance. Your personal protective equipment is available and if you have not received it prior to September 21, please contact your campus principal immediately. We will continue to adjust this plan as needed. Employees are required to follow the BISD Reopening Safety Protocols.

Sincerely,

Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent of Schools

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