



## MANSFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*A Destination District Committed to Excellence.*

July 29, 2020

Dear Mansfield ISD Community:

After the latest news from Attorney General Ken Paxton, which stated that a local health authority may not issue sweeping school closure orders, Mansfield ISD has decided to move up the date for the start of in-person instruction.

All Mansfield ISD students will start school on Wednesday, Aug. 12 as planned, but instruction will be given solely online until Sept. 8. (In-person instruction previously was going to start on Sept. 28). Families that chose the MISD Virtual Learning Academy will continue learning online.

MISD was fully ready to provide an in-person and virtual option for the start of the school year. However, when the joint order from local health authorities was released on July 21 that mandated instruction to be conducted online only until Sept. 28, the district had to adjust its plans.

The new letter from the attorney general has called for yet another planning readjustment, so the district has decided to begin in-person instruction on Sept. 8.

This date gives MISD ample time for staff to plan for the instructional flow of rooms with the most current safety protocols (that are continuing to be updated). It also gives time for the district to assess any additional staffing needs.

We want to ensure that our students continue receiving a world-class education, no matter what mode of instruction families choose. We also want to make sure that MISD buildings are as safe as possible for anyone who walks through our doors.

An in-depth presentation was given at last night's board meeting about the Fall Reopening 2020 plans. The presentation about curriculum and instruction, which included samples of a student's schedule in each mode of instruction, is available here. View the reopening plans for our other departments here.

You can also visit [www.mansfieldisd.org/fallreopening](http://www.mansfieldisd.org/fallreopening) to keep up with the latest information.

We know that change is not easy, and we appreciate everyone's flexibility as we maneuver through these challenging times together.

Thank you for your patience and support as we gear up for the start of an exciting new school year

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberley Cantu  
Superintendent of Schools