



MANSFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Mansfield ISD Community:

This school year has been met with challenges and uncertainty, but we thank you all for your patience, cooperation and flexibility as we maneuvered through a school year amid a global pandemic.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines and protocols were continuously changing on the national, state and local level. Despite the very fluid situation, the Mansfield ISD community remained steadfast in working together for the safety and well-being of our students, staff and families.

In our area and within MISD, we are very fortunate to see a steady and significant decline in the number of COVID-19 cases. In addition, COVID-19 vaccines are increasingly more readily available for those who are interested. These are great indications that conditions are improving.

With those factors in mind, the MISD School Board has made the decision to return to normal operations beginning May 28, 2021. Starting on that day, the district's COVID-19 safety and health protocols will expire, and face coverings will be optional.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff members will always be our top priority. MISD will continue to clean and disinfect schools and buildings. We will also continue to emphasize proper hygiene, such as frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and encouraging students and staff members to remain home when sick.

For those who thrive in the virtual setting, MISD is currently in the planning stages of establishing a fully online school of choice for students in grades 5-12 for the 2021-22 school year. The launch of this school of choice—named the MISD Virtual Learning Academy—is dependent upon decisions being made at the state level that pertains to the funding of online learning.

We are looking forward to a strong finish to the 2020-21 school year, and we are excited for what the 2021-22 school year has in store. Thank you once again for your continued support. We are MISD Strong!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberley Cantu
Superintendent