

# MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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August 5, 2020

Dear MVISD Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, I have some updated information that I'd like to share with you. The Board recently voted to open all of our campuses for both in-person and remote instruction on our scheduled start date of August 25<sup>th</sup>. This includes Luckey Ranch Elementary. In my last correspondence to you, I had stated that Luckey Ranch would only provide remote instruction until September 8<sup>th</sup> due to a directive from the Bexar County Health Authority. This has changed as a result of guidance from the Governor and Attorney General, which allows local school boards to determine when to open campuses. As we continue to register students for the school year, I know that many of you are waiting for additional guidance concerning safety and procedures for in-person instruction, and procedures for remote instruction. Please be reminded that the registration deadline for returning students is next Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. When registering your child(ren), you are asked to choose either in-person instruction or remote instruction. You can change your choice through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Returning students who do not register by the deadline will automatically be placed on remote learning for the first six weeks.

As we finalize plans and protocols, those are being posted on our district website on our Panther Strong Start page. That page can be accessed at [www.mvisd.com/covid](http://www.mvisd.com/covid). Based on community and staff feedback, the Panther Strong Start page has undergone a major overhaul and has a number of new and updated documents available to you. I believe that the new Panther Strong Start site is more user-friendly and contains information to help you make a more informed decision concerning in-person and remote instruction. Please visit the Panther Strong Start page regularly, as it will be updated as we develop new documents, and as we receive new and revised information from TEA, the CDC, and the Texas Department of State Health Services. New and updated protocols and documents on that page include:

- MVISD COVID Response Protocol
- Student COVID Process Map
- Staff/Workplace COVID Process Map
- Special Programs Action Plan (Special Education and 504)
- Gifted and Talented Action Plan
- Right at School Safety and Cleaning Standards (Before and after school care provider)

- Expanded Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, divided into In-Person Learning FAQ, Remote Learning FAQ, and General and Miscellaneous Question FAQ. These FAQ documents will be updated as new questions are posed.
- Additional information in a number of areas and programs can also be found on that page.

Campus principals are finalizing schedules and campus procedures, and will continue to send out information that pertains to their campuses. Updates are also being posted to campus social media sites. Campus supply lists are posted on the campus web pages, as well as the Panther Strong Start page. Parent/Student Handbooks and the Student Code of Conduct are also posted. Please contact the campus principal if you have questions about instruction or procedures on a specific campus.

Our before and after school care provider, Right at School, does plan to operate this school year on each of our elementary campuses. Registration and pricing information will be sent to families of elementary students. Medina Valley ISD does not operate this program. For questions, please contact Right at School. The contact information will be included in the information sent to you. The Right at School Safety and Cleaning Standards are available on the Panther Strong Start page.

A reminder that those students who qualify for bus transportation, and wish to utilize it, must register for bus service. This will allow us to build our bus routes while ensuring that we can meet the safety standards that have been developed. If your child(ren) requires transportation, please be sure that you have registered for bus service in the registration system.

For students choosing remote instruction, the cafeteria will have curbside meals available for parents to pick up, as was done during the spring closure and during the summer break. The meals will be charged based on the student's eligibility status which can be free, reduced, or paid, depending on the meal application submitted or state eligibility. The meals will be available only for students enrolled in Medina Valley ISD. Meals will be available as curbside at LaCoste Elementary, Potranco Elementary, Luckey Ranch Elementary, and Medina Valley High School. Remote MVISD students may pick up meals at any of these campuses, regardless of which campus they are assigned to.

I will continue to provide updates as we prepare for the first day of instruction. I look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back for the 2020-2021 school year, whether they are attending remotely or in-person. I also look forward to welcoming all of you who are new to our district. I am glad that you are here. Stay well.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach  
Superintendent