

# CAYUGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Cayuga ISD Families,

We are working hard to get ready for the 2020-2021 school year. Admittedly, we still have quite a bit to do before the new year begins. One of the main ways you could help us be prepared for the first day of school is to complete the attached survey. Providing the requested feedback by **Saturday, August 1**, will be very helpful for the school and for your child. Your cooperation with this effort is an essential part of the final preparations we are making for the return of all our Wildcats!

As you may know, all of the public schools in our state have received counsel from the Texas Education Agency about how to reopen our campuses following last spring's closure. As its title indicates, the attached "*School Reopening Guidance Summary*" provides a summary of the relevant guidelines that all Texas public schools have received, including Cayuga ISD. The summary addresses such issues as, "How will school look?" and "How will student attendance look?" It also stresses four primary public health considerations for schools:

- provision of parental and public notices,
- practices to prevent COVID-19 from entering schools,
- responses to a lab-confirmed case, and
- mitigating the likelihood of COVID-19 spread in schools.

More detailed descriptions of the guidelines Cayuga ISD will be implementing during the 2020-2021 school year can be reviewed at the following website.

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/Covid-19-SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>

The guidance we receive from the Texas Education Agency is revised from time to time in response to the evolving status of our state's health challenges. Similarly, as health and safety issues in our own community escalate or diminish, Cayuga ISD's plans for the 2020-2021 school year may also need to be revised. For now, as the attached school calendar verifies, we are simply looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on **Monday, August 17**. Please be certain that we are planning for the beginning of the new school year with a focus on the health, safety and well-being of our students, faculty and community members.

As mentioned above, your submission of the parent survey is essential to provide our faculty members the feedback they need to prepare for your child's return to school. The survey can be accessed at the homepage of Cayuga ISD's website, [www.cayugaisd.com](http://www.cayugaisd.com). Prior to submitting the survey, please be sure to review the very relevant information in the attached document entitled, "On Campus or Remote?"

Thank you,

*Rick Webb*

Superintendent