## CHESTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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As we are now in the middle of our second six-week grading period, we the staff at Chester ISD, feel like we have adapted to the many changes that have been sent our way since March. I am so grateful for the professionals that walk through the doors every day to give our students the love, support and knowledge that they will need to be successful. We are always adjusting and attempting to make all decisions in the best interest of our students.

As of today, 97% of our students are face-to-face learners. We have made it through 8 weeks of schools and have been affected very little by COVID-19. We feel that the protocols put in place have made Chester ISD a safe place to learn. After reviewing data from our first 8 weeks, we feel it is in the best interest of our students that we return to a 100% face-to-face environment beginning October 12, 2020. Due to student holidays on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> will be our last day for remote learning.

Chester ISD will continue to adhere to the guidance of the CDC and the Texas Education Agency. We will also continue to monitor the health and well-being of our students. In the event of a positive test or self-isolation situation, Chester ISD will provide instructional support to those individuals.

This decision was not made lightly and we understand that some will not agree with this decision. We respect your right to disagree. Below are other options for those that wish not to adhere to our decision:

- Request transfer status from another public school or TEA accredited charter school.
- Enrollment into a homeschool program
- Enrollment in online school, such as Texas Virtual School Network

Chester ISD will continue to be committed to our staff, students, and community.

GO JACKETS!!