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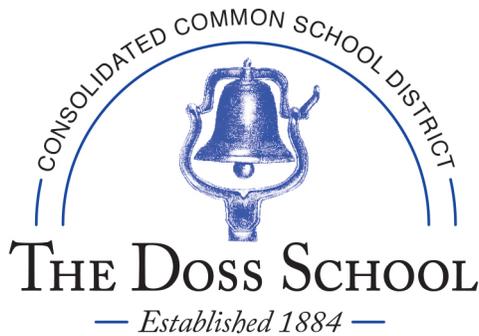
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## Mission:

Doss CCSD will create and sustain an environment to *inspire curiosity, respect tradition, and embrace excellence.*

## District Values:

*Love, Respect, Serve*

Dear Doss CCSD Families, Students, and Community,

July 28, 2020

The Doss School team is excited about a **STRONG START** for our new year!

We look forward to seeing students on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> for the first day of school. We are experiencing a time like no other and because of this, we want to reassure you that we remain committed to student and staff safety. We understand and acknowledge the varied levels of uncertainty families may have regarding the pandemic and sending their children back to school, so we are encouraging communication and feedback.

### **STRONG START – District Commitment**

As an education institution, we are committed to health, education, and welfare. The safety of students and staff is paramount, so we will continue to be in contact with the Texas Education Agency (TEA), elected officials, and state and local health authorities. Therefore, following guidance from TEA regarding public health and school instruction, we will be offering two learning options: on-campus and at-home.

### **SURE START – Instructional Plans**

Results from family and employee surveys were used to design two options for student learning. A second survey will be released to parents/guardians in early August for the official selection of a learning plan for students. The survey will reference a working draft of our return-to-school plan for a strong start, sure start, and safe start. We ask parents to read this carefully.

With the return of all surveys and selections, administrators and teachers will plan details for both of the aforementioned learning options. These details will be released closer to the start of school. Doss CCSD has six grading cycles in a school year. Selections for the chosen learning option will be for the full grading cycle. Parents will have the opportunity to switch between on-campus and at-home learning by submitting a request at least five school days prior to the beginning of a new grading cycle.

### **SAFE START – Safety Protocols**

Considering health and safety guidance, we have identified safety practices for daily activities in the classroom, on the playground, in common areas, on the bus, et cetera. These have all been included in the return-to-school plan, which may potentially be modified over time. We ask that you review these new procedures and reach out to us with any questions or comments.

Regardless of the learning option that you choose for your child(ren), our goal is to support your decision and provide great instruction and an excellent education. Although the pandemic reality will prevent the planning and hosting of some of our much-loved regular events, we will strive to maintain the vision of Doss School, which is to inspire curiosity, respect tradition, and embrace excellence.

We hope your student is excited for a **STRONG START!**

Stay safe, Pam Seipp, Administrative Consultant