



March 18, 2020

Dear Nolan Creek School Families,

Since my communication yesterday, there have been new confirmed cases of coronavirus in Bell County. Nolan Creek School will be **closed through Friday, April 3, 2020** to ensure the safety of our entire community and help reduce the spread of the virus. This includes all activities and events scheduled during and outside of school hours. We tentatively plan to reopen our schools on Monday, April 6, but parents should proactively make arrangements if students are required to stay home longer. Orenda Public Charter School District will continue to take direction from local, state, and federal officials as events unfold and will let families know no later than Monday, March 30 if extended closure is needed.

We are committed to providing continuity of instructional support during school closures for all of our students, including those receiving special education services. Blackboard Learn will continue to be our primary platform for lessons, instruction, and assignments. We will also continue to supplement Blackboard with teacher support through phone, video conferencing, and other collaboration tools. Mr. Wiseman and our teachers are working to provide parents with the necessary materials to provide instruction at home. Please look for more details soon.

We know school closure presents many challenges for families. We are here as a partner to help facilitate work at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher and/or principal with questions and concerns during this time. In addition, below are several community resources available to help families during this time.

- **Breakfast and Lunch** – Many area ISDs are offering free breakfast and lunch pick-up for all students who live in the ISD boundaries, regardless of enrollment. Please check out your home ISD website to see if this is an option for your family and the guidelines.
- **Internet at Home** – If you don't currently have internet at home, Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call **1-844-488-8395**. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carla Silber'.

Carla Silber
Superintendent/COO
Orenda Public Charter School District