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Wharton Tiger Parents,

After a review of student performance data and much contemplation, the Wharton ISD administration has decided to discontinue remote learning in Wharton ISD. A review of data shows that Wharton ISD students who receive remote instruction have a lower attendance rate, are performing lower academically, and are missing critical social interaction with their peers. Ultimately, this decision was made based on what is in the best interest of our students. Our schools are safe and we have proper protocols in place along with proper cleaning and sanitizing daily. I have confidence in our teachers and staff and truly feel that school is the best place for our students at this time. Remote learning in Wharton ISD will end at the end of the school day on Friday, March 12, 2021.

Effective Tuesday, March 23, 2021, all students enrolled in Wharton ISD are expected to report to campus for face-to-face instruction. Students who have a documented COVID-19 medical reason may request a medical exemption. The medical exemption form may be picked up at all campuses and are to be returned to the campus by 9:00 am on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Students meeting one of the underlying CDC health conditions and who have returned a medical exemption form completed by their physician and verified by the school nurse, will receive written notice of approval to continue remote instruction from Wharton ISD. Students who are not approved to continue remote instruction through the approval process will be removed from remote instruction classes by the end of the day Monday, March 22, 2021. We've missed our remote students and we look forward to seeing them on our campuses on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Sincerely,

Michael J. O'Guin, Sr., Ed.D.
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