

April 23, 2020

Dear University of Texas Charter School System Families and Friends,

As you all know, Texas Governor Abbott announced last week that all schools in the state will remain closed through the remainder of the school year. This closure includes all public, charter, private and higher education schools. This executive order also includes all schools in residential facilities.

Until the end of this school year, our students will remain engaged and active with distance learning opportunities. We do want you to know some important dates. The last day of distance learning for the district will be May 28, with the exceptions of Methodist Children's Home and UT Elementary School whose last day is May 22. We are working with multiple partners to provide virtual commencement ceremonies for our graduates and will provide more information once it becomes available.

We understand that this is a very difficult time, and due to the circumstances, everyone is coping with this situation differently. Because of this, communication during this time is essential. If you or your child is unable to meet academic expectations or has been struggling with distance learning, please inform your child's teacher and /or principal. We want to work effectively with parents and students and will make appropriate accommodations as needed. We want everyone to just do the very best they can during this crisis and do not want to add any more stress to this situation.

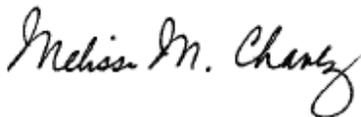
Our teachers and administrators are working very hard to provide the opportunity for high quality learning for all of our students. We encourage you to utilize a variety of supplemental education resources our teachers have made available on our websites at:

<https://utcharter.org/distance-learning-resources/>

<https://utelementary.org/distance-learning-resources/>

Please know, the health and safety of our students and staff will remain our focus. We will continue to align our actions with state and local guidance to ensure our community remains safe. For the latest news and information, visit our websites, Facebook pages, or connect with your campus principal.

With regards,



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