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Dear AHISD community-

We have been watching forecasts for Hurricane Harvey very closely and have been collaborating with area school districts, the Region 20 Education Service Center and Emergency Operations Center in San Antonio. Our primary concern is the safety of our students and staff.

Although we will be experiencing some rain and wind this afternoon, <u>school will continue as regularly</u> <u>scheduled today</u>. The hurricane is expected to reach landfall late tonight along the coast with the most serious storms predicted to occur after that.

However, all Alamo Heights ISD school activities scheduled for this weekend are canceled beginning at 8:00 p.m. this evening (Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>). Unfortunately, this includes SAT testing sites in all area San Antonio schools, including the one at AHHS. School districts will be communicating with the College Board to request a make-up testing date in the future and will communicate to students/parents if a make-up is offered. Students will need to contact the College Board at some point to discuss payment options and reschedule to another date, if possible.

The path of Hurricane Harvey is still somewhat unpredictable. It is believed that it could hover over central and east Texas through Wednesday, and storm predictions for San Antonio vary greatly.

A decision about whether to hold school on Monday will be made sometime between Sunday afternoon and early Monday morning (by 6:00 a.m.) We will also be monitoring the weather on Tuesday and Wednesday. There are four major considerations we will take into account when making this decision:

- 1) <u>Student safety</u> if flooding or high winds are significant, school will be canceled.
- 2) <u>Outlying areas</u> many of our staff live outside of town, even in rural areas, so we will need to assess whether staff can get to campuses (even if weather is not severe in SA).
- 3) <u>Power</u> If we experience power outages, school will be canceled (even if local weather is not severe).
- <u>Shelters</u> If one or more of our campuses is used by the Red Cross as a shelter, we will consider canceling classes as well. At this time, we have not been selected as a shelter site, but that could change over the weekend.

Please keep up with local weather forecasts and watch for AHISD updates via School Messenger and the district website. Also, although we always want you to feel welcome to contact us, please help us keep our phone lines as clear as possible throughout this storm so that we can send message alerts which go out via our telephone lines.

We want everyone to be safe and we send our thoughts and prayers to all of those who are in the path of this storm. Thanks for all of your support, and be safe out there!

Dr. Kevin Brown Superintendent of Schools