CALL OUT:

THIS IS A SCHOOL CLOSURE MESSAGE FROM SPRING BRANCH ISD - GOOD EVENING, SBISD FAMILIES,

ALL SBISD SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW- FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, DUE TO ANTICIPATED WEATHER CONDITIONS RELATED TO HURRICANE HARVEY IN THE HOUSTON REGION. THIS DECISION IS BASED ON THE LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS IN THE LAST HOUR.

AGAIN, ALL SBISD SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW – FRIDAY, AUGUST 25.

THANK YOU.

EMAIL:
SUBJECT LINE: UPDATE: SBISD SCHOOLS CLOSED FRIDAY, AUG 25

Good Evening, SBISD Families,

All SBISD schools will be closed tomorrow, Friday, August 25, due to weather-related conditions anticipated related to Hurricane Harvey.

This decision is based on the latest information we have received from City of Houston and Harris County officials in the past hour.

We will continue to keep you posted via our various communications channels- please monitor our website at www.springbranchisd.com, social media @SBISD, and local media.

Again, all SBISD schools will be closed tomorrow Friday, August 25.
Thank you,

SBISD Communications

TEXT: ALL SBISD SCHOOLS CLOSED FRIDAY, AUG. 25.

Dear SBISD Families and Staff,

Last night, we made a school reopening decision based on the information that was available to us at the time and believing that opening our schools as soon as possible was in our students’ and families’ best interests.

Based on information and feedback we received overnight and this morning from families and staff who remain displaced and unsure of their next steps, and continually changing conditions, we have determined that it is best for all SBISD schools and facilities to remain closed all next week.
We sincerely apologize for any added anxiety, concern and stress we have caused over the last many hours. Our highest priority is always the safety and wellbeing of our families and staff, and this time our decision yielded unintended consequences to the contrary.

We will continue to provide updates and resources on our website, social media, call outs and the local news media.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work through uncharted territory for our district and community.

With much appreciation,
Scott R. Muri, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

The message below is going out shortly via email to all families in the SHS feeder pattern.

Good Morning, Stratford High School Area Families,

We wish to inform you that the Tully Stadium/Don Coleman Coliseum complex will be used as a staging area for Hurricane Harvey response by the Office of Emergency Management beginning this afternoon (Friday, Aug. 25). It is our understanding that vehicles including buses and ambulances will be parked there, and helicopters may land and take off from the fields near Thornwood Elementary. Related emergency staff will be housed in Don Coleman Coliseum, which will be used as their command center.

Please be advised that this athletics complex will NOT be used as an evacuation site.

We extend our hopes and prayers that you -- our SBISD families and community --and our entire region remain safe, well as this storm heads our way.

Best,
Linda Buchman
Community Relations Officer

Dear SBISD Families,

We are pleased to let you know that the District has arranged to open three children's feeding sites beginning next Tuesday, September 5th.

The sites below will be open to provide breakfast and lunch for the children of our community.

**SCHOOL FEEDING SITES:**
Meadow Wood Elementary, 14230 Memorial Dr, 77079
Edgewood Elementary, 8757 Kempwood Dr., 77080
Westwood Elementary, 10595 Hammerly, Blvd., 77043
**TIMES:**
Breakfast: 7 - 9 a.m.
Lunch: 11 - 1 p.m.

Thank you. Please be reminded to continue to monitor SBISD’s website and social media @SBISD for updates. We will continue to email, text and call-out as new or updated information becomes available.

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**Dear SBISD Families Displaced by Hurricane Harvey,**

We hope this letter finds your family safe, with the shelter, supports and resources you need to move forward at this very difficult time. Our hearts are heavy, and the outpouring of love and armies of volunteers ready to help continues to grow.

The purpose of this letter is to provide information so we can plan how to help you best with transportation, school supplies and other resources once school is back in session.

As noted in communications last week:

- All SBISD students displaced by Hurricane Harvey may remain at their current SBISD school.
- SBISD will provide transportation for displaced children, if needed, to your current school, even if you no longer are able to remain in your current attendance zone or if you have relocated outside our district boundaries.
- School uniform rules for schools that have them will not apply when schools reopen.
- ALL SBISD children will be provided with free breakfast (where currently served) and free lunch (all sites) through 9.30.17.
- Meadow Wood Elementary, Edgewood Elementary, and Westwood Elementary will serve as child feeding sites Tuesday, Sept. 5 – Friday, Sept. 8, with free breakfast (7-9 a.m.) and lunch (11 am- 1 pm) for any child in our community.

**Student Residency Form**
If you are able to do so, please complete the attached Student Residency Form (attached), regardless of whether you are relocated in or out of the district, and email it to Lawanda Coffee, Director of External Funding, at xxx. If you are unable to complete the form, Lawanda is authorized to complete the form on your behalf – just email her and she will get back to you. Additionally, this form will be available in your school Registrar’s office when we reopen.

Lawanda will share this information with your campus principal, our Transportation team and Child Nutrition Services.
Transportation
Completing the Student Residency Form will enable the SBISD Transportation team to develop the appropriate routes to support our displaced families. For transportation matters, your contact is xxx. Our Transportation team will provide updates on route information as it becomes available.

Updated Contact Information
The Student Residency Form is the form used to change your address in our system. Contact information such as email address or phone number can be updated in xxx If you need to change your Emergency Contact Information, please complete a new Emergency Clinic Card when school reopens.

Counseling/Social Services
As always, our counselors, Communities in Schools and other support staff will be ready and available to assist your children and provide support when our schools reopen.

Resources for Talking with Your Child
Your child may be experiencing anxiety or stress related to the situations you are coping with. Here is good resource from Mental Health America of Greater Houston.

School Supplies/Textbooks
Please do not worry about school supplies or textbooks that were lost or damaged in the flooding. We are working with partners to have school supplies on hand and will also address lost textbooks. We will take care of helping with these when we reopen school.

Additional Questions
Please reach out if you have questions you do not see addressed here, and we will continue to update our FAQ and communications with you. Most importantly, please know we are here to serve and support you and your family however we can.

Dear SBISD Families,

We are pleased to announce that all SBISD schools will reopen on Monday, September 11, for students and staff. Our community has suffered much loss and destruction, and we trust and hope that the return to school will be a positive step in our community’s recovery.

As we make this announcement, please know and understand the following important critical points of information.

- Some families who have incurred loss of home or property as a result of Harvey may not be ready for their children to return to school, and we understand that. We will work with each family to meet your individual needs and to make sure your children are supported whenever they are able to return to class.

- Some of our staff members have incurred loss of home, property or vehicles and may not be ready or able to return to school on Monday, and we understand and will work with them too. Please help your child understand that his/her teacher may be absent on
Monday, or for a period of time until they are able to return to school. We are working to assure classes are covered with substitutes and/or a shared arrangement with other grade level or subject area teachers.

- Traffic is very challenging right now, and families, teachers, staff members, and even SBISD Transportation, may be impacted. **We will not be counting school arrival tardies next week or for as long as it is necessary until the roadways are back to a more normal traffic pattern.** We know it will be difficult for some to get to school on time. Please also let your child know his/her teacher may be late to school. We will make sure there are plans for classes to be covered and for children to be cared for.

- High school students should be very careful driving, and should not speed or rush to be at school on time – Safety is our top priority.

- Please do not worry if your child does not have a backpack, books, supplies, or uniforms. We just want to see them. We have extra school supplies, and many donations forthcoming.

- We will relax school uniform and dress code requirements for the foreseeable future.

- Don’t worry about lunch. Our school cafeterias will serve free lunch for ALL SBISD students and breakfast for ALL students on campuses where breakfast is served. Free meals will continue throughout the month of September.

- Transportation will notify school principals of any necessary bus route changes due to high water or other issues. School principals will communicate any route changes directly to their school communities. We will post updated route information on our website as available.

- Displaced families who have notified us of your new address will be contacted directly by our Transportation team for notification of bus route information. Displaced families who have not yet notified us of your status should contact, Lawanda Coffee, Director for External Funding and Compliance, at lawanda.coffee@springbranchisd.com and, if possible, please complete the SBISD **Student Residency Questionnaire**. If you are unable to complete the form at this time, please see your school Registrar when school reopens. More specific information for displaced families is available [here](#).

- Please continue to monitor the district website, social media and emails/call outs as additional information may be communicated.

These have been unprecedented times, and will remain so for weeks and months to come. We are doing our very best to be prepared to receive your children on Monday. We know they have all been impacted in many different ways. Our counselors, social workers and others have plans in place to support children, families and staff once we reopen our schools.

Thank you for your incredible outpouring of support and understanding as our district has worked through these past two weeks. Thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding as we go forward. We know there will be things that arise we have not
Dear Senior Parents,

We know many of you are concerned about the impact Harvey and schools remaining closed will have on your child's college application process.

Regarding teacher and counselor recommendations, if your child is able to do so at this time, please have him/her continue to submit teacher and counselor recommendation requests in Naviance.

When school reopens, Registrars will satisfy transcript requests as quickly as possible. In the meantime, students can submit unofficial transcripts available through Family Access to colleges until official transcripts are available. Please also know that many colleges and universities allow students to take a screenshot of their transcript and upload it themselves in the application portal.

We strongly recommend that your child notify the admissions offices of universities to which they are applying if your family has been directly impacted/displaced by Hurricane Harvey. Even if your family has not been directly impacted, we recommend your child notify the admissions office that our school district and community have been impacted and our schools remain closed at this time. Please check the university admissions page for any specific information they may request or format in which this message should be sent.

We have heard from several Texas university admissions office over the last 24 hours. They are indicating willingness to waive application fees if needed, extend application deadlines if needed and otherwise help our students avoid any disadvantage as a result of this unprecedented situation.

For students registered to take the **ACT** next Saturday, please know we are in communication with ACT personnel and hope to confirm on Tuesday whether we will still be able to administer the ACT on Saturday.

Please continue to monitor our district website/FAQs, social media @SBISD and emails and callouts for information updates.

Let me know if you have additional questions not addressed in this message.

Thank you,
Lance Stallworth, Exec Director
Student Support Services