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Dear Band Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Out of an abundance of caution and with the health and safety of our students and staff, the fine arts leadership from all the El Paso county school districts have decided to cancel the competitive marching season for the 2020-2021 school year. We feel that music education should continue and that a band presence at football games can and should be provided at home games only. Band programs should avoid mass transportation of their students and equipment whenever possible. As always, we also expect each program to adhere to all safety protocols as delineated at the national, state, local, district, and campus level.

In order to eliminate confusion within the El Paso region, all school districts in this region have unanimously agreed to these recommendations. With the upcoming football season in question, there is a slight possibility that the football season might be moved into the spring. Should that occur, the local and area fine arts leadership will reevaluate the situation and issue a recommendation at that time.

The current situation that our district faces is very fluid; the safety recommendations made by our city and state officials, the Texas Education Agency, and UIL inform the decisions that we make. At present, we will not begin in-person classes until after September 7<sup>th</sup>. Canutillo High School will begin remote learning on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

As always, we are committed to providing our students with the highest quality educational experiences they deserve. Our staff has been diligently working to develop the best methods to provide for the student's educational attainment; keeping their health at the forefront. We will continue to follow and monitor the guidance from the CDC, state and city officials, TEA, and UIL concerning all their health and safety recommendations and regulations.

These are unprecedented times; they have profoundly affected everybody in our community, our nation, and our world. Rest assured that we are doing everything within our abilities to make the educational process safe, effective, and accessible to everyone. We appreciate your support and understanding during these times.

Warmly,

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