

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Palo Pinto County School Districts Extend Closure Until Further Notice

March 30, 2020 – In support of local, county, and state public health recommendations and emergency declarations and considering the President's recent extension of federal social distancing guidelines, the following Palo Pinto County School Districts have announced a school closure extension until further notice.

- Gordon ISD
- Graford ISD
- Mineral Wells ISD
- Palo Pinto ISD
- Santo ISD
- Strawn ISD

At this time, these Palo Pinto County school districts have opted not to provide an estimated return-to-school date due to uncertainties related to the severity and duration of the pandemic and due to the likelihood that any date selected might have to be extended again.

School offices and campuses will remain closed during this extension. Leaders in each respective district will continue to monitor recommendations from health and safety officials and announcements from state and federal elected officials in order to determine an appropriate date for return to school. Once a return-to-school date is selected, school officials from each ISD will alert their communities with ample notice through their usual channels of communication.

Palo Pinto County school districts are deeply appreciative to our families for the patience and support shown during this challenging time. We are eager to welcome our students back as quickly as it is safe to do so.